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20	Crouse, T. O.	Harrington,	Harrington, Kent Co., Del.
21	Cushing, H. C.	Superannuate,	Sudley Springs, P. W. Co., Va.
22	Coe, S. W.	Finksburg,	Finksburg, Carroll Co., Md.
23	Cullum, C. M.	Kempton,	Kempton, Fred'k Co., Md.
24	Daugherty, J. H.	Kennedyville,	Kennedyville, Kent Co., Md.
25	Day, H. J.	Superannuate,	923 N. Carey St., Baltimore, Md.
26	Dick, A. D.	Reliance,	Reliance, Dorchester Co., Md.
27	Donovan, Avery	Accomac,	Lee Mont, Accomac Co., Va.
28	Donaldson, G. R.	Beaver Dam,	Harbeson, Sussex Co., Del.
29	Drinkhouse, E. J.	Supernumerary,	2331 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.
30	Dryden, C. E.	Caroline,	Denton, Caroline Co., Md.
31	Dyott, L. R.	Newark,	67 Court St., Newark, N. J.
32	Daugherty, C. L.	Talbot,	Trappe, Talbot Co., Md.
33	Edmonston, G. D.	Crumpton,	Crumpton, Queen Anne's Co., Md.
34	Elderdice, H. L.	W. T. Seminary,	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.
35	Elderdice, J. L.	Stewartstown,	Stewartstown, York Co., Pa.
36	Everest, J. W.	Superannuate,	Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md.
37	Ewell, J. E. T.	South Baltimore,	1214 Light St., Baltimore, Md.
38	Ewell, J. H. S.	Georgetown, Del.,	Georgetown, Sussex Co., Del.
39	Ewing, E. O.	Pittsville,	Pittsville, Wicomico Co., Md.
40	Farring, G. F.	Frederick,	New Market, Frederick Co., Md.
41	Floyd, W. J.	Liberty,	Libertytown, Frederick Co., Md.
42	Fooks, E. S.	Kent Island,	Kent Island, Queen Anne's Co., Md.
43	Gill, J. M.	Chestertown,	Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.
44	Graham, W. R.	Westminster,	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.
45	Gray, J. W.	First Church,	518 4th St., S.E., Wash., D. C.
46	Gibson, N. O.	Waltersville,	Bivalve, Wicomico Co., Md.
47	Green, Alonzo H.	Middleway,	Middleway, Jefferson Co., W. Va.
48	Greenfield, D. L.	Central,	1205 M St., N. W., Wash'n, D. C.
49	Haddaway, G. W.	Crisfield,	Crisfield, Somerset Co., Md.
50	Hammond, W. S.	Georgetown, D. C.	1236 31st St., W., Wash'g'n, D. C.

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51	Harryman, A. A.	Oak Grove & P. G.	Alliance, Surry Co., Va.
52	Hill, G. J.	Deer Park,	Smallwood, Carroll Co., Md.
53	Hines, G. W.	Bethany,	.....
54	Hoblitzell, S. A.	St. Michaels,	St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.
55	Hodge, G. R.	Holly Run,	Wellham's X Roads, A.A. Co., Md.
56	Holland, F. A.	West Wilmington,	12 5th Ave., Wilmington, Del.
57	Holmes, J. M.	Wash'n-St. (A. M'l)	2028 E. Lombard St., Balto., Md.
58	Holmes, W. G.	Superannuate,	Mardela Spr'gs, Wicomico Co., Md.
59	Jester, B. F.	Union,	Sharptown, Wicomico Co., Md.
60	Johnson, H. S.	Deer Creek,	Chestnut Hill, Harford Co., Md.
61	Johnson, H. W. D.	Caroline,	Burrsville, Caroline Co., Md.
62	Jones, J. B.	St. Luke's,	Erie and Park Aves., Phila., Pa.
63	James, B. B.	Harper's Ferry,	Harper's Ferry, W. Va.
64	Judefind, W. B.	Grove,	Grove, Caroline Co., Md.
65	Keen, H. O.	Remington,	1030 York Road, Baltimore, Md.
66	Killgore, J. L.	Superannuate,	57 Barney St., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
67	Kindley, B. W.	Pipe Creek,	Uniontown, Carroll Co., Md.
68	Kinzer, J. D.	Pocomoke City,	Pocomoke City, Worcester Co., Md.
69	Kirk, J. W.	West Baltimore.	1622 Harlem Ave., Baltimore, Md.
70	Klein, F. C.	Laurel,	Laurel, Sussex Co., Del.
71	Lassell, J. T.	Fawn Grove,	Fawn Grove, York Co., Pa.
72	Lewis, R. L.	Superannuate,	Federalsburg, Caroline Co., Md.
73	Lewis, T. H.	W. Md. College,	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.
74	Lewis, R. K.	Salem,	Westover, Somerset Co., Md.
75	Lewis, F. H.	Broadway,	115 S. Washington St., Balto., Md.
76	Litsinger, W. D.	Howard,	Clarksville, Howard Co., Md.
77	Litsinger, W. H.	Christ Church,	1632 Baker St., Baltimore, Md.
78	Little, F. T.	Starr,	128 S. Poppleton St., Balto., Md.
79	Littleton, C. H.	Milton,	Milton, Sussex Co., Del.
80	Lucas, W. J. D.	Superannuate,	Denton, Caroline Co., Md.
81	Livingston, W. O.	Frederica,	Frederica, Kent Co., Del.
82	Makoskey, E. C.	St. James',	Hanesville, Kent Co., Md.
83	Maloy, J. E.	Rowlandville,	Rowlandville, Cecil Co., Md.
84	Mather, A. W.	Cecil,	Bay View, Cecil Co., Md.
85	McCready, G. R.	Sussex,	Laurel, Sussex Co., Del.
86	McCullough, C. E.	Delta,	Delta, York Co., Pa.
87	McKnett, W. R.	Mardela,	Mardela Sp'gs, Wicomico Co., Md.
88	Melvin, A. D.	President,	42 Parkin St., Baltimore, Md.
89	McCaslin, C. K.	Chesapeake,	Edesville, Kent Co., Md.
90	Mills, J. L.	Brooklyn,	Brooklyn, Anne Arundel Co., Md.
91	Morris, G. A.	Powellville,	Powellville, Wicomico Co., Md.
92	Morrow, Q. L.	No app't at request	Snow Hill, Worcester Co., Md.
93	Mullineaux, F. H.	Susquehanna,	Level, Harford Co., Md.
94	Murray, J. J.	Union Bridge,	Union Bridge, Carroll Co., Md.
95	Murray, J. T.	Tract Society,	730 N. Fulton Ave., Baltimore, Md.
96	Melvin, W. A.	Campbell & Tyre'na,	Knolls, Campbell Co., Va.
97	Neeper, W. J.	Hampden,	229 Falls Rd., Hampden, Balt., Md.
98	Nelson, H. E.	Lewistown,	Lewistown, Frederick Co., Md.
99	Nicholson, J. E.	Clayton,	Clayton, Kent Co., Del.
100	Norris, J. W.	Potomac,	Ballston, Alexandria Co., Va.
101	Nowlin, C. P.	Queen Anne's,	Ruthsburg, Queen Anne's Co., Md.
102	Parris, J. W.	Franklin City,	Greenbackville, Accomac Co., Va.
103	Pierce, Emanuel	Mt. Tabor,	3208 Wisconsin av., W., Wash., D.C.
104	Phillips, W. S.	Eutaw,	Harford and Lake Aves., Balt., Md.
105	Poisal, W. M.	Easton,	Easton, Talbot Co., Md.

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106	Rowe, R. S.	N. C. Avenue,	120 5th St., S.E., Wash'gt'n, D.C.
107	Randall, Louis	Dover and Leipsic,	Dover, Kent Co., Del.
108	Reed, E. T.	Payson-Street,	419 N. Carey St., Baltimore, Md.
109	Revelle, T. P.	Alexandria,	Alexandria, Va.
110	Schlincke, H. L.	Bedford,	Cumberland Val., Bedford Co., Pa.
111	Sheridan, J. M.	East Baltimore,	1524 E. Biddle St., Baltimore, Md.
112	Shreeve, Jesse	Superannuate,	.....
113	Simpson, Elmer	Concord,	Roxbury, Franklin Co., Pa.
114	Smith, G. J.	Pocomoke,	West, Somerset Co., Md.
115	Smith, S. J.	Seaford,	Seaford, Sussex Co., Del.
116	Southerland, S. B.	Superannuate,	816 N. Fulton Ave., Balto., Md.
117	Stevens, F. L.	Amelia,	Ammon, Amelia Co., Va.
118	Stocksdale, G. H.	Fox Hill,	Rip Raps, Elizabeth City Co., Va.
119	Stone, E. D.	Parksley,	Parksley, Accomac Co., Va.
120	Straughn, J. L.	Delmar,	Delmar, Sussex Co., Del.
121	Strayer, W. M.	Jefferson,	Buckeystown, Frederick Co., Md.
122	Sullivan, J. G.	Superannuate,	.....
123	Tagg, F. T.	Editor,	8 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md.
124	Taylor, E. B.	Felton,	Felton, Kent Co., Del.
125	Tredway, S. B.	Belair,	Belair, Harford Co., Md.
126	Trout, J. W.	Elizabeth,	48 4th St., Elizabeth, N. J.
127	Truitt, B. P.	Lisbon,	Lisbon, Howard Co., Md. [Japan.
128	Vandyke, E. H.	Missionary,	25 Nishi Kusabukacho Shidzuoka,
129	Walter, A. J.	Conquest,	Atlantic, Accomac Co., Va.
130	Ward, A. N.	North Baltimore,	1504 Linden Ave., Baltimore, Md.
131	Warfield, E. A.	Lynchburg,	Lynchburg, Va.
132	Warner, L. F.	Salisbury,	Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.
133	Weigand, J. A.	Superannuate,	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.
134	White, W. W.	Warwick,	Warwick, Cecil Co., Md.
135	Wilson, David	Supernumerary,	1542 Pearl St., Denver, Col.
136	Wooden, J. F.	Wye,	Carmichael, Queen Anne's Co., Md.
137	Wolfe, G. L.	Wilmington,	313 E. 3rd St., Wilmington, Del.
138	Wright, J. A.	Dorchester,	Vienna, Dorchester Co., Md.
139	Wright, T. H.	Baltimore,	Towson, Baltimore Co., Md.
140	Wright, H. F.	Fairfax,	Glenbrook, Fairfax Co., Va.
141	Ward, J. L.	St. John's (Canton),	3120 Hudson St., Canton, Balt., Md.
142	Yingling, J. M.	Cumberland,	99 Bedford St., Cumberland, Md.

DEAD ROLL.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day." 2 Tim. iv. 7, 8.

1. CHARLES RIGBY. Born in Talbot county, Md., 1782; died in Kent county, Md., August 12, 1830. Appointments: 1829-30, Missionary for the Eastern Shore.

2. JOSEPH SCULL. Born 1785; died at Easton, Md., Dec. 22, 1830. Appointments: 1829-30, Missionary for the Eastern Shore.

3. WASHINGTON HAMILTON HAYS. Died April, 1831. Appointment: 1830, Anne Arundel (A.)

4. WILLIAM BAMBER. Died March 31, 1832. Appointment: 1831, Eastern Shore.

5. CHARLES WESLEY JACOBS. Born at Alexandria, Va., Oct. 28, 1812; died at Easton, Md., July 20, 1833. Appointments: 1829-30, Eastern Shore (A.); 1831, Deer Creek (A.); 1832, Pipe Creek (A.); 1833, Talbot.

6. JAMES HANSON. Died August 19, 1834. Appointments: 1829, Mt. Olivet (A.); 1830, Pipe Creek (A.); 1831, Reisterstown; 1832, Anne Arundel; 1833, Kent; 1834, no appointment at his request.

7. WILLIAM KESLEY. Died Sept. 23, 1841. Appointments: 1830, Deer Creek; 1831, Anne Arundel; 1832, Reisterstown; 1833, Tabernacle; 1834, Reisterstown; 1835, Mt. Olivet; 1836, Queen Anne's; 1837, Agent of Book Concern; 1838, Prince William; 1839-40, Kent; 1841, Buttonwood, Phila.

8. ISAAC WEBSTER CLIPPINGER. Died at Cumberland, Md., May 25, 1842. Appointment: 1842, Cumberland (A.)

9. SAMUEL L. RAWLEIGH. Died Nov. 23, 1843. Appointments: 1834-35, Queen Anne's; 1836-8, Kent; 1839, Buttonwood, Phila.; 1840-1, Queen Anne's; 1842, Cecil; 1843, Pipe Creek (A.)

10. DANIEL DAVIES, M. D. Died Feb. 16, 1844. Appointments: 1833, Mt. Olive; 1834, Anne Arundel; 1835, Queen Anne's (A.); 1836, no appointment at his request; 1837, Editor METHODIST PROTESTANT; 1838, Charleston, S. C.; 1839, Anne Arundel; 1840, with the President; 1841, First Church, Phila. (A.); 1842-3, superannuated.

11. WILLIAM W. MADDUX. Died July 9, 1844. Appointments: 1838, Caroline; 1839, Northampton; 1840, New Leeds; 1841, Cecil; 1842, Dorchester; 1843-4, Deer Creek.

12. WILLIAM W. BALL. Died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Oct. 5, 1844. Appointments: 1842, Alexandria; 1843-4, Harper's Ferry.

13. WILLIAM H. BORDLEY. Born at Centreville, Md.; died at Charleston, S. C., Oct. 9, 1846. A. B., Washington College, 1822. Appointments: 1843, Queen Anne's (A.) 1844, Kent; 1845, E. Baltimore.

14. SAMUEL D. NORWOOD. Born in Anne Arundel county, Md., March 1, 1820; died in Newcastle county, Del., Oct. 22, 1847. Appointments: 1844, Anne Arundel (A.) 1845, Smyrna; 1846, no appointment at his request; 1847, Deer Creek (A.)

15. ISAAC WEBSTER. Born in Harford county, Md., 1787; died in Westminster, Md., February 4, 1851. Appointments: 1829-30, Reisterstown; 1831, Deer Creek; 1832-3, Pipe Creek; 1834-5, Williamsport; 1836-8, President; 1839, Queen Anne's; 1840, St. John's; 1841-3, Kent; 1844, Brickmaker's; 1845, no appointment at his request; 1844-6 Baltimore; 1847-8, Howard 1849-50, superannuated. Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1846.

16. LEVI ROGERS REESE. Born February 8, 1806; died at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 18, 1851. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore, Md. Appointments: 1832-3, Alexandria; 1834-5, St. John's; 1836-7, Washington; 1838, Conference Missionary; 1839, Alexandria; 1840-1, Georgetown, D. C.; 1842, Pipe Creek; 1843-4, President; 1845-6, West Baltimore; 1847-8, Ninth-Street; 1849, Cambridge; 1850-1, Bethlehem, Philadelphia. Secretary of Annual Conference 1833. Representative to General Conference 1846, 1850, and President. Chaplain to U. S. House of Representatives, 1836-7.

17. FREDERICK STIER. Born 1783; died at Fremont, O., October 15, 1851. Appointments: 1830-1, Pipe Creek; 1832, Georgetown, D. C.; 1833, East Baltimore; 1834, unstationed; 1839, Conference Missionary; 1840, Williamsport, Md.; 1841-2, Conference Missionary; 1843-5, no appointment at his request; 1846, Conference Missionary; 1847-50, no appointment at his request; 1851, Conference Missionary; Representative to General Conference, 1842. Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions, 1850.

18. RICHARD ADKINSON. Born 1817; died at Easton, Md., March 9, 1851. Interred at Easton, Md. Appointments: 1841, Cecil (A.); 1842, Cumberland; 1843, Sussex; 1844, no appointment at his request; 1845, Alleghany; 1846-7, Jefferson; 1848-9, Sussex; 1850, Talbot; 1851, Caroline.

19. LEVIN A. COLLINS. Born 1814; died at Laurel, Del., June 17, 1853. Interred at Laurel, Del. Appointments: 1837, Deer Creek (A.); 1838, Kent (A.); 1839-40, Sussex; 1841-2, Snow Hill; 1843-4, Cambridge; 1845-6, no appointment at his request; 1847, Caroline; 1848, no appointment at his request; 1849, superannuated.

20. JOHN SMITH REESE, M. D. Washington University, Baltimore, Md. Born April 7, 1790; died near Baltimore, Md., February 14, 1855. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1829, Eastern Shore; 1830-1, Alexandria; 1832, Eastern Shore; 1833-5, President; 1836-7, Pipe Creek; 1838, Williamsport; 1839-40, President; 1841, Pipe Creek; 1842, Georgetown; 1843, Pipe Creek; 1844, Howard; 1845-6, Alexandria; 1847, no appointment at his request; 1848-9, East Baltimore; 1850-1, no appointment at his request; 1852-4, President. Representative to General Conference. 1830, 1834, 1842, 1846, 1854.

21. FRANCIS GEORGE WRIGHT. Born at Uniontown, Md., July 15, 1823; died at Salisbury, Md., February 23, 1859. Interred at Uniontown, Md. Appointments: 1849, Baltimore (A.); 1850-1, Carlisle; 1852, unstationed; 1858, Union.

22. NEVELL STEELE GREENAWAY. Born in England, May 7, 1824; died at Alexandria, Va., May 2, 1861. Interred at Alexandria, Va. Appointments: 1852-3, Snow Hill; 1854, Williamsport (A.); 1855, Williamsport; 1856, Pipe Creek (A.); 1857, Philadelphia; 1858, Baltimore (A.); 1859, Alexandria; 1860, superannuated.

23. WILLIAM TURBERT WRIGHT. Born in Queen Anne's county, Md., May 18, 1808; died at Lisbon, Md., May 8, 1862. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1845, Snow Hill; 1846-7, Sussex; 1848-9, Kent; 1850-1, East Baltimore; 1852-3, Charleston, S. C.; 1854-5, Caroline; 1856-7, Talbot; 1858-60, Frederick; 1861-2, Howard.

24. WASHINGTON ROBY. Born in Montgomery county, Md., October 14, 1816; died at Washington, D. C., July 31, 1862. Appointments: 1839, Harper's Ferry; 1840, Williamsport (A.); 1841, Talbot; 1842, Harper's Ferry; 1843-4, Alexandria; 1845-7, Kent; 1848-9, Pipe Creek (A.); 1850-1, Deer Creek; 1852, Queen Anne's; 1853-5, Talbot; 1856-7, East Baltimore; 1858-9, President; 1860, Georgetown; 1862, Ninth-Street. Representative to General Conference, 1854, 1862.

25. THOROUGHGOOD C. EWELL. Born June 16, 1832; died at Federalsburg, Md., November 21, 1862. Appointments: 1856, New Market (A.); 1857, Trough Creek; 1858-9, Dorchester; 1860-1, Sussex; 1862, superannuated.

26. JOSIAH VARDEN. Born at Washington, D. C., July 25, 1806; died at Libertytown, Md., January 16, 1863. Interred at West Baltimore Cemetery. Appointments: 1831, Eastern Shore (A.); 1832, Mt. Olive; 1833, Williamsport (A.); 1834, Pipe Creek; 1835, Tabernacle; 1836, Georgetown; 1837, Alexandria; 1838, Westminster; 1839, Talbot; 1840-1, East Baltimore; 1842, St. John's; 1843-4, West Baltimore; 1845-6, Georgetown; 1847, West Baltimore; 1848-9, President; 1850-2, Sixth-Street, Cincinnati; 1853, superannuated. Representative to General Conference, 1846, 1850, 1854, 1858.

27. GEORGE D. HAMILTON. Born August 28, 1798; died at Baltimore, Md., April 5,

1864. Buried at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1831, Shippensburg; 1832, Deer Creek (A.); 1833, Snow Hill; 1834-6, Dorchester; 1837-8, Queen Anne's; 1839, Pipe Creek (A.); 1840, Pipe Creek; 1841-2, Sussex; 1843, Snow Hill; 1844-5, Baltimore; 1846-7, New Market; 1848-50, Caroline; 1851-2, Cambridge; 1853, Williamsport; 1854-8, superannuated; 1859, Clearfield; 1860-2, Union, Pa.; 1863-4, superannuated.

28. REUBEN TYLER BOYD. Born at Rockville, Md., July 3, 1794; died at Clarksburg, Md., February 21, 1865. Appointments: 1833, Shippensburg; 1834, Prince William; 1835, New Market; 1836-7, Snow Hill; 1838, Dorchester; 1839, New Leeds; 1840, transferred; 1849, Trough Creek; 1850-1, Alleghany; 1852-3, Caroline; 1854, Anne Arundel; 1855, Dorchester; 1856, superannuated; 1857, Warwick; 1858, Accomac; 1859-64, superannuated.

29. THOMAS HART BENTON AUSTIN. Born at Baltimore, Md., 1842; died at Baltimore, June 26, 1865. Appointments: 1863, Union (A.); 1864, Kent (A.); 1865, Howard (A.)

30. JAMES FRANCIS WHITESIDE. Born at Triadelphia, Md., July 1, 1828; died June 20, 1866. Interred at Stewartstown, Pa. Appointments: 1850, Baltimore (A.); 1851, New Market (A.); 1852, Union (A.); 1853-4, Trough Creek; 1855-7, Alleghany; 1858-60, Cecil; 1861, Baltimore; 1862-3, West Baltimore Circuit; 1864-6, New Market.

31. ELI HENKLE. Born in Pendleton county, Va., April 15, 1787; died in Baltimore county, Md., August 24, 1867. Appointments: 1829, Deer Creek; 1830-2, President; 1833, St. John's; 1834, superannuated; 1835, supernumerary; 1836-7, Anne Arundel; 1838-9, Pipe Creek; 1840, Baltimore; 1841-2, supernumerary; 1843, Westminster; 1844, Conference Missionary; 1845-7, President; 1848-50, Baltimore; 1851-67, superannuated. Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1834, 1846.

32. FRANCIS WATERS. A. B. Pennsylvania University; D. D. Washington College, 1822. Born in Somerset county, Md., Jan. 16, 1792; died at Baltimore, Md., April 23, 1868. Appointments: 1838, Franklin; 1839, supernumerary; 1840, unstationed; 1841-6, supernumerary; 1847, Central Baltimore; 1848-50, Franklin; 1851-67, supernumerary. Author of the name: "Methodist Protestant Church." Representative to General Conference 1830; President 1842, 1846, 1862, 1866.

33. THOMAS H. BURGESS. Born February 12, 1828; died July 11, 1868. Appointments: 1861, Harmony; 1862, no appointment at his request; 1863, unstationed; 1867, Millsborough; 1868, Snow Hill.

34. THOMAS MAHLON WILSON. Born at Hagerstown, Md., March 1, 1814; died at Libertytown, Md., February 1, 1870. Interred at Central Chapel, Frederick county, Md. Appointments: 1842, Trough Creek (A.); 1843, supernumerary; 1844-5, Concord; 1846-8, Queen Anne's; 1849-50, Alexandria; 1851-2, Union; 1853-4, Pipe Creek; 1855-7, Frederick; 1858-69, superannuated.

35. LUTHER J. COX. Born in Queen Anne's county, Md., December 27, 1791; died July 26, 1870. 1869, elected to honorary membership. Representative (lay) to General Conference, 1838, 1866.

36. CHRISTIAN EVERSOLE. Born in Berkeley county, W. Va., May 6, 1820; died at Baltimore, Md., December 12, 1870. Interred at Little Georgetown, W. Va. Appointments: 1852, Alleghany (A.); 1853, Baltimore (A.); 1854, Deer Creek (A.); 1855, Kent (A.); 1856, Frederick (A.); 1857, Newtown (A.); 1858-9, Cambridge; 1860-2, Concord; 1863-4, Bedford; 1865, Williamsport; 1866-70, superannuated.

37. DANIEL BOWERS. Born in Frederick county, Md., March 16, 1832; died at Baltimore, Md., March 19, 1871. Interred at Chestertown, Md. Appointments: 1854, Kent (A.); 1855, Queen Anne's (A.); 1856-7, Cumberland; 1858, Talbot (A.); 1859-60, Philadelphia; 1861-3, Newtown; 1864-5, Georgetown; 1866-9, East Baltimore; 1870, Chatsworth. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1863. Alternate attending General Conference, 1867. On Editorial Committee of METHODIST PROTESTANT, 1866-9.

38. JOHN MORGAN. Born in Alexandria, Va., April 15, 1811; died at Montgomery, Ala., June 17, 1871. Appointments: 1844, Williamsport (A.); 1845-6, Williamsport; 1847-8, Pipe Creek; 1849-50, Howard; 1851-2, Talbot; 1853-4, Union; 1855-6, Snow Hill; 1857, superannuated. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1852-4.

39. HENRY HAYGHE. Born at Baltimore, Md., January 5, 1844; died at Kennedy-

ville, Md., December 17, 1871. Appointments: 1869, Howard (A.); 1870, Baltimore (A.); 1871, Kennedyville.

40. JOHN ELDERDICE. Born in Frederick county, Md., July 14, 1814; died at Baltimore, Md., July 9, 1874. 1838, Cumberland; 1839, Baltimore; 1840-1, Anne Arundel (A.); 1842, Pipe Creek (A.); 1843-5, New Market; 1846, Carlisle; 1847-9, Deer Creek; 1850-1, Williamsport; 1852-3, Anne Arundel; 1854-6, Cecil; 1857-9, New Market; 1860, West Baltimore Circuit; 1861-2, Caroline; 1863-4, Cecil; 1865-6, Bedford; 1867-8, Cambridge; 1869, no appointment at his request; 1870-4, superannuated. Author of "Uncle Toby" letters to METHODIST PROTESTANT.

41. JOHN ROBERTS. Born May 3, 1818; died at Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20, 1875. Interred at Oak Grove Cemetery, Howard county, Md. 1843, Cambridge (A.); 1844, Alleghany (A.); 1845, Accomac (A.); 1846, Snow Hill; 1847-8, Harper's Ferry; 1849-50, Howard (A.); 1851, Pipe Creek (A.); 1852-3, Bethlehem; 1854-5, Kent; 1856, Williamsport; 1857-8, Alexandria; 1859, South Baltimore; 1860-2, Queen Anne's; 1863-4, Talbot; 1865-7, Frederick; 1868-70, Howard; 1871-3, Belair; 1874-5, Liberty. Secretary of Annual Conference 1850. Representative to General Conference 1866, 1867, 1870.

42. AMON RICHARDS. Born Oct. 31, 1787; died July 12, 1876. 1870, elected to honorary membership.

43. ABRAHAM S. EVERSOLE, M. D. Born in Berkeley county, Va., July 10, 1813; died at Seaford, Del., Feb. 3, 1877. 1839, Trough Creek; 1840, Caroline; 1841, Snow Hill (A.); 1842, Somerset; 1843, Lewes; 1844-5, Kent (A.); 1846, Prince William; 1847, transferred; 1851-2, Dorchester; 1853-4, Newtown; 1855-7, Union; 1858, Alleghany; 1859-60, Baltimore; 1861, Frederick (A.); 1862-3, New Market; 1864, Sussex; 1865, Caroline; 1866-7, Worcester; 1868, Delaware; 1869-71, Cecil; 1872, Peach Bottom; 1873, Seaford (A.); 1874-6, superannuated.

44. DANIEL EVANS REESE. D. D. Western Maryland College, 1868. Born at Baltimore, Md., Feb. 17, 1810; died at St. Michael's, Md., April 23, 1877. 1830, Deer Creek (A.); 1831, Mount Olive; 1832, Eastern Shore (A.); 1833, Prince William; 1834, Tabernacle; 1835-6, Deer Creek; 1837, Harper's Ferry; 1838, Anne Arundel; 1839-41, unstationed; 1842-3, East Baltimore; 1844, Georgetown; 1845-6, Deer Creek; 1847-8, Cambridge; 1849-50, Pipe Creek; 1851-2, Alexandria; 1853-4, Ninth-Street; 1855, Salem, Phila.; 1856-7, Charleston, S. C.; 1858-9, West Baltimore; 1860-1, Pipe Creek; 1862-3, Georgetown; 1864-5, Jefferson; 1866-7, Ninth-Street; 1868-70, Talbot; 1871-3, President; 1874, East Baltimore; 1875, superannuated. Secretary of Annual Conference 1835. Representative to General Conference, 1862. Secretary 1867, 1870.

45. SAMUEL GUEST VALIANT. Born in Talbot county, Md., Dec. 21, 1852; died there July 11, 1877. 1870-1, Kent (A.); 1872, no appointment at his request; 1873, Alexandria; 1874, no appointment at his request; 1875-6, Laurel; 1877, superannuated.

46. WILLIAM C. AMES, D. D. S. Born in Clearfield county, Pa., 1839; died at Burrsville, Md., March 10, 1878. Interred at Burrsville, Md. 1869, Jefferson (A.); 1870-1, Potomac; 1872-3, Concord; 1874-6, Whaleyville; 1877, Caroline.

47. JOHN EDGAR READ. Born at Lauraville, Md., August 25, 1846; died at Oxford, Md., July 28, 1878. 1865, Queen Anne's (A.); 1866, Belair (A.); 1867, Jefferson (A.); 1868, Talbot (A.); 1869-71, Lexington-St.; 1872, Talbot (A.); 1873-6, Talbot; 1877-8, Easton.

48. THOMAS M. BRYAN. Born in Cecil county, Md., Feb. 1, 1818; died at St. Michael's, Md., May 11, 1879. 1846, Smyrna; 1847, Potomac; 1848, Clearfield; 1849, no appointment at his request; 1850, Accomac; 1851-2, Newtown; 1853-4, Dorchester; 1855-6, superannuated; 1857-8, Sussex; 1859-60, no appointment at his request; 1861-3, superannuated; 1864-5, West Baltimore Circuit; 1866, superannuated.

49. WILLIAM CORRIE LIPSCOMB. Born in King William's county, Va., Sept. 13, 1792; died at Washington, D. C., Dec. 2, 1879. 1869, elected to honorary membership. Representative (lay) to General Conference 1830; and Secretary 1834, 1838, 1842, 1850, 1853; and President, 1867.

50. THOMAS ASBURY MOORE. Born in Sussex county, Del., Jan. 14, 1824; died at Seaford, Del., July 2, 1881. 1845, Newtown (A.); 1846, Cambridge (A.); 1847, Talbot (A.); 1848, Union (A.); 1849-53, unstationed; 1854, Sussex (A.); 1855-6, Sussex; 1857-8, supernumerary; 1859, Sussex; 1860, supernumerary.

51. DAVID NORWOOD GILBERT. Born in Harford county, Md., February 10, 1851; died at Kent Island, Md., August 15, 1881; interred at Wesley Chapel, Harford county. Md. 1873, Queen Anne's (A.); 1874, Cecil (A.); 1875, Anne Arundel (A.); 1876, Pocomoke; 1877, Prince William; 1878-80, Quantico; 1881, Kent Island.

52. ISAAC TUNNELL ADKINS. Born February 1, 1809; died in Sussex county, Del., October 19, 1881. 1865, Millsborough; 1866, no appointment at his request; 1867, Tyaskin; 1868, Milton; 1869-70, Lower Sussex; 1871-2, Heathsville; 1873-5, Accomac; 1876, Chincoteague; 1877, Potomac; 1878-9, Chincoteague; 1880, superannuated.

53. THOMAS LEE. Born in England, June 17, 1821; died at Rainsburg, Pa., July 16, 1882. 1851, Accomac; 1852, Salem; 1853-4, Alleghany; 1855, no appointment at his request; 1856-7, Reading; 1858-9, Caroline; 1860-2, Bedford; 1863-5, superannuated; 1866-7, Susquehanna; 1868, superannuated.

54. PETER LIGHT WILSON. Born in Berkeley county, Va., October 20, 1822; died at Johnsville, Md., January 10, 1883. 1842, Pipe Creek (A.); 1843-4, Cumberland; 1845, Pipe Creek (A.); 1846, Frederick; 1847, West Baltimore (A.); 1848-9, Bethlehem; 1850-1, Cumberland; 1852-4, Frederick; 1855-6, Ninth-Street; 1857-9, Jefferson; 1860-1, Ninth-Street; 1862-4, Pipe Creek; 1865-8, Broadway; 1869-73, College Agent; 1874, supernumerary; 1875-6, College Agent; 1877, supernumerary. Representative to General Conference, 1866, 1867.

55. THOMAS MCCORMICK. Born in Loudon county, Va., January 5, 1792; died at Baltimore, Md., February 22, 1883. 1869, elected to honorary membership.

56. CHARLES THEODORE COCHEL. Born in Berks county, Pa., June 20, 1833; died at Deer Park, Md., July 25, 1884. 1859, Howard (A.); 1860, Newtown (A.); 1861, Harper's Ferry; 1862, Frederick City; 1863, Anne Arundel (A.); 1864, Salem, Philadelphia; 1865, Snow Hill; 1866, West Baltimore Circuit; 1867, Finksburg; 1868-70, Susquehanna; 1871, Union; 1872-3, Dorchester; 1874-7, Frederick; 1878-81, Cecil; 1882-3, Pipe Creek; 1884, First Church, Washington.

57. JAMES MARTIN ELDERDICE. Born in Frederick county, Md., Oct. 14, 1817; died at Barren Creek Springs, Md., Oct. 5, 1884. 1840, Baltimore (A.); 1841, Williamsport (A.) 1842, Talbot; 1843, no appointment at his request; 1844, Howard (A.); 1845-6, Cecil 1847-8, Liberty; 1849-50, Concord; 1851-2, New Market; 1853-4, Williamsport (A.); 1854- , Concord; 1857, Snow Hill; 1858-9, Trough Creek; 1860-2, Carlisle; 1863-4, Anne Arundel; 1865-8, Cecil; 1869-70, Sussex; 1871, Seaford; 1872-4, Leipsic; 1875-8, Bedford; 1879, Williamsport; 1880-1, Caroline; 1882-3, Sussex; 1884, Union.

58. ARTHUR DANIEL MURRAY. Born at Georgetown, D. C., Nov. 19, 1856; died at Baltimore, Md., Nov. 17, 1884. 1879, Eutaw; 1880, Frederick (A.); 1881-2, Broadway; 1883, no appointment at his request; 1884, Georgetown (A.)

59. HENRY EDWARD MISKIMON. Born in Harford county, Md., April 15, 1845; died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Feb. 12, 1885. Interred at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. 1866, Newtown (A.); 1867, Talbot (A.); 1868-70, Kennedyville; 1871-4, Harper's Ferry; 1875-6, Ellicott City; 1877-8, Salisbury; 1879-80, Seaford; 1881-4, Heathsville.

60. JOSEPH ALEXANDER MCFADEN. Born in Augusta, Ga., January 11, 1825; died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., July 5, 1885. Interred at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. Appointments: 1847, Queen Anne's (A.); 1848, Williamsport (A.); 1849, Kent (A.); 1850, Jefferson; 1851-2, Concord; 1853, Brickmaker's; 1854-5, Pipe Creek (A.); 1856-7, Cambridge; 1858, Baltimore; 1859, West Baltimore Circuit; 1860-1, New Market; 1862-4, Union; 1865, Washington-Street; 1866-73, superannuated; 1874, Seaford; 1875-85, superannuated.

61. ALFRED BAKER. Born June 4, 1813; died January 17, 1885. Appointments: 1841-3, Concord; 1844, Baltimore (A.); 1845-6, superannuated; 1847, Baltimore; 1848, superannuated; 1849, Patuxent; 1850-1, Frederick; 1852-6, superannuated; 1857, Frederick (A.); 1858, superannuated; 1861, Montgomery; 1865 no appointment at his request; 1866, Montgomery; 1867, no appointment at his request; 1868, Montgomery; 1869, no appointment at his request; 1870, supernumerary.

62. CHRISTOPHER BURNS MIDDLETON. A. B. Western Maryland College, 1876. Born at Washington, D. C., July 24, 1854; died at Alexandria, Va., Feb. 16, 1886. Appointments: 1876, Abingdon, Va.; 1877, no appointment at his request; 1878, Kent (A.); 1879-80, Hampden; 1881-2, East Baltimore; 1883, Atlanta, Ga.; 1884-5, Alexandria.

63. WILLIAM THOMAS DUMM. Born in Zanesville, Ohio, January 19, 1817; died at Johnsville, Md., July 19, 1886; buried at Union Bridge, Carroll county, Md., July 22, 1886. 1843-4, Deer Creek, Assis't; 1845, Williamsport; 1846, Potomac; 1847, Cumberland; 1848, Snow Hill; 1849, Queen Anne's; 1850, Kent, Assis't; 1851-2, Mount Zion; 1853-4, Deer Creek; 1855-6, New Market; 1857, Cecil; 1858-9, Carlisle; 1860-1, E. Washington; 1862-3, Salem, Philadelphia; 1864-5, Cumberland; 1866, Caroline; 1867, Salisbury; 1868-9, Finksburg; 1870-1, Frederick; 1872-4, Cecil; 1875-7, Howard; 1878, Stewartstown; 1879, superannuated.

64. DAVID ANTHONY SHERMER, M. D. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 5, 1824; died in Vienna, Md., December 4, 1886. 1844, Union, Assis't; 1845, Queen Anne's, Assis't; 1846, Lewes; 1847-9, Dorchester; 1850, Cambridge, Assis't; 1851-3, Howard; 1854-5, Brickmaker's; 1856-57, S. Baltimore; 1858-9, Queen Anne's; 1860-1, E. Baltimore; 1862-3, Jefferson; 1864-5, Liberty; 1866-7, Georgetown; 1868-70, Belair; 1871-4, Washington-Street; 1875-6, Broadway; 1877-9, Anne Arundel; 1880-1, Milton; 1882-4, Cecil; 1885-6, Dorchester.

65. DANIEL FITCHETT EWELL, M. D. Born in Accomac county, Va., January 24, 1817; died March 17, 1888, at Clayton, Del. 1838, Shippensburg, Assis't; 1839-41, Dorchester; 1842, Church Creek; 1843, Brickmaker's, Phila.; 1844-5, Union; 1846-8, Newtown; 1849, Accomac; 1850, Dorchester; 1851, no appointment at his request; 1852-5, unstationed; 1857-8, Anne Arundel; 1859-61, Warwick; 1862-5, Delaware; 1866, Washington-Street; 1867-70, Warwick; 1871, Talbot; 1872-84, superannuate; 1885, Powellsville; 1886, Talbot; 1887, Clayton.

66. WILLIAM FRANCIS LIVINGSTON. Born in Worcester county, Md., May 16, 1836; died November 29, 1888, at Westminster, Md. 1861, New Market, Assis't; 1862, Cecil, Assis't; 1863-71, no appointment; 1872-3, Williamsport; 1874-7, Concord; 1878-80, Deer Creek; 1881-2, Middleway; 1883-7, Potomac; 1888, superannuate.

67. CHARLES McFEELY THOMPSON. Born July 22d, 1843; died April 9, 1889. 1868, Whaleyville, Ass't; 1869, St. Michael's; 1870, Anne Arundel, Ass't; 1871, Norfolk; 1872-3, Seaford; 1874-5, Milton; 1876-8, Chesapeake; 1879-83, Susquehanna; 1884, Finksburg; 1885, Leipsic; 1886, Clayton; 1887-9, Harrington.

68. ROBERT THOMAS SMITH. Born in Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20th, 1850; died May 20, 1889, in Washington, D. C. 1874, Belair, Ass't; 1875, Norfolk; 1876, All Saints; 1877-8, Crumpton; 1879-80, Kent Island; 1881, Cumberland; 1882-3, Baltimore; 1884, Eutaw; 1885-7, Rowlandville; 1888-9, without appointment.

69. AUGUSTUS WEBSTER. D. D. Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., 1848. Born in Harford county, Md., December 8, 1808; died October 26, 1890, in Baltimore, Md. 1832, Reisterstown, Assis't; 1833, Reisterstown; 1834-5, Alexandria; 1836, Agent for B. Con.; 1837-8, Georgetown, D. C.; 1839-40, Washington, D. C.; 1841-2, President; 1843, St. John's; 1844-5, no appointment at his request; 1846, unstationed; 1866, returned to honorary membership by invitation; 1866-82, loaned to St. John's; 1883-90, Pastor Emeritus, St. John's.

70. SAMUEL TUCKER FERGUSON. Born in Washington, D. C., January 5, 1840; died November 11, 1890, at Liberty, Md. 1864, Union, Assis't; 1865, Carlisle; 1866, New Market, Assis't; 1867, Prince William; 1868, Howard, Assis't; 1869, Queen Anne's; 1870, Pocomoke; 1871, Harmony; 1872-3, Frederick; 1874-5, Union; 1876-8, Finksburg; 1881-2, Bedford; 1883-6, Concord; 1887-90, Liberty.

71. JAMES THOMPSON. Born in County Down, Ireland, September 9, 1819; died December 25, 1890, at Westminster, Md. 1853, Union, Assis't; 1854, Howard, Assis't; 1855, Baltimore, Assis't; 1856, Newtown, Assis't; 1859, Queen Anne's, Assis't; 1858, Deer Creek, Assis't; 1859, New Market, Assis't; 1860, Howard, Assis't; 1861, Union, Assis't; 1862, Cambridge; 1863-4, Carlisle; 1865-6, East Washington; 1867-9, Bedford; 1870, South Baltimore; 1871-2, Howard; 1873-4, Bedford; 1875-7, Cecil; 1878-9, Concord; 1880-90, superannuated.

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73. JAMES HENRY ELLEGOOD. Born in Laurel, Del., January 15th, 1819; died near Seaford, Del., September 9th, 1892. 1850, Newtown, Assis't; 1851, Friendship; 1852, Prince

William; 1853-4, Salem; 1855-6, Carlisle; 1857, Kent, Assis't; 1858, Caroline, Assis't; 1859, Berkley; 1860-1, Cambridge; 1862-3, New Market, Assis't; 1864-6, Harmony; 1867-9, Caroline; 1870-1, Finksburg; 1872-3, Milton; 1874-6, Sussex; 1877, Quantico; 1878, superannuated.

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78. DANIEL WEBSTER BATES. Born in Medford, Burlington county, New Jersey, June 10th, 1815; died at Edesville, Md., Nov. 9th, 1895. 1842, Wesley Chapel; 1843, Cecil; 1844, Snow Hill; 1845-6, Cambridge; 1847, Williamsport (A.); 1848-50, New Market; 1851-2, Baltimore; 1853-4, Salem, Phila.; 1855-7, Howard; 1858-9, Kent; 1860, Caroline; 1861-2, Anne Arundel; 1863-4, Washington-Street; 1865, Alexandria; 1866-8, Liberty; 1869-71, Baltimore; 1872-3, Stewartstown; 1874-6, Warwick; 1877-9, President; 1880-2, Chesapeake; 1883-1895, superannuated.

79. JOHN WILLIAM CHARLTON. Born in Frederick county, Md., Jan. 27th, 1832; died at Lee Mont, Accomac county, Va., Feb. 24th, 1896. 1859, Frederick (A.); 1860, Snow Hill; 1861, Queen Anne's (A.); 1862-3, Cumberland; 1864, Broadway; 1865-6, Salem, Phila.; 1867-8, E. Washington; 1869-70, Anne Arundel; 1871-3, Laurel; 1874-6, Pipe Creek; 1877, College Agent; 1878, South Baltimore; 1879-80, Finksburg; 1881-3, Fawn Grove; 1884, Talbot; 1885-6, Seaford; 1887-9, Pipe Creek; 1893-4, Kempton; 1895, Accomac.

80. THOMAS E. COULBOURN. Born Sept. 1st, 1853, in Somerset county, Md. Died in Pittston, Pa., March 11th, 1896. 1880, Dorchester (A.); 1881-2, Georgetown (A.); 1883-4, Broadway; 1885-1891, Lynchburg; 1892-6, Foreign Missionary Secretary.

81. RILEY SETH WILLIAMSON. Born 1863, Baltimore county, Md.; died May 9, 1896, at Centreville, Cumberland Valley, Bedford county, Pa. 1887, Preston; 1888-9, Grove; 1890-1, Franklin City; 1892-4, Milton; 1895-6, Bedford.

82. JOHN ROBERT NICHOLS. Born in Berkeley county, W. Va., June 4, 1815; died at Odenton, Anne Arundel county, Md., July 22, 1896. 1838, Snow Hill and Princess Anne (A.); 1839, Kent (A.); 1840, Accomac Mission; 1841, Brickmakers' Station, Phila.; 1842, Snow Hill and Newtown (A.); 1843-4, Sussex; 1845-8, Brickmakers'; 1849, Reading; 1850-2, Williamsport; 1853-5, South Baltimore; 1856-9, East Washington; 1860-1, Kent; 1862-3, Sussex; 1864-5, East Baltimore; 1866-8, Starr; 1869-70, Broadway; 1871, Pipe Creek; 1872-4, Baltimore; 1875, Hampden; 1876, Liberty; 1877, N. W. Mission, Baltimore; 1878-9, Severn; 1880, All Saints; 1881, Hull-Street; 1882, Pittsville; 1883-4, Balti-

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76. JOHN BYRD WHALEY. Born at Whaleyville, Wicomico county, Md., June 4th, 1867; died in Baltimore, Md., October 14th, 1894. 1891-3, Professor in Theological Seminary; 1894, Professor in Western Maryland College.

77. JAMES KANE NICHOLS. Born in Berkeley county, Va., July 18th, 1817; died May 5th, 1895, at Johnsville, Md. 1826, Baltimore (A.); 1837, Dorchester (A.); 1838, Deer Creek (A.); 1839, Cumberland; 1840, Kent (A.); 1841, Prince William; 1842-4, Caroline; 1845-6, Pipe Creek (A.); 1847, Snow Hill; 1848, no appointment at own request; 1849, Williamsport (A.); 1850, loaned to Philadelphia; 1851, Reading; 1852-3, Cambridge; 1854, Williamsport; 1855, Harper's Ferry; 1856-7, Bethlehem; 1858-60, Newtown; 1861, Frederick; 1862-4, President; 1865-7, Belair; 1868-71, Jefferson; 1872-4, Vice-President W. Md. College; 1875-6, Alexandria; 1877-8, Liberty; 1879, Libertytown; 1880, without appointment at own request; 1881-1895, superannuated.

78. DANIEL WEBSTER BATES. Born in Medford, Burlington county, New Jersey, June 10th, 1815; died at Edesville, Md., Nov. 9th, 1895. 1842, Wesley Chapel; 1843, Cecil; 1844, Snow Hill; 1845-6, Cambridge; 1847, Williamsport (A.); 1848-50, New Market; 1851-2, Baltimore; 1853-4, Salem, Phila.; 1855-7, Howard; 1858-9, Kent; 1860, Caroline; 1861-2, Anne Arundel; 1863-4, Washington-Street; 1865, Alexandria; 1866-8, Liberty; 1869-71, Baltimore; 1872-3, Stewartstown; 1874-6, Warwick; 1877-9, President; 1880-2, Chesapeake; 1883-1895, superannuated.

79. JOHN WILLIAM CHARLTON. Born in Frederick county, Md., Jan. 27th, 1832; died at Lee Mont, Accomac county, Va., Feb. 24th, 1896. 1859, Frederick (A.); 1860, Snow Hill; 1861, Queen Anne's (A.); 1862-3, Cumberland; 1864, Broadway; 1865-6, Salem, Phila.; 1867-8, E. Washington; 1869-70, Anne Arundel; 1871-3, Laurel; 1874-6, Pipe Creek; 1877, College Agent; 1878, South Baltimore; 1879-80, Finksburg; 1881-3, Fawn Grove; 1884, Talbot; 1885-6, Seaford; 1887-9, Pipe Creek; 1893-4, Kempton; 1895, Accomac.

80. THOMAS E. COULBOURN. Born Sept. 1st, 1853, in Somerset county, Md. Died in Pittston, Pa., March 11th, 1896. 1880, Dorchester (A.); 1881-2, Georgetown (A.); 1883-4, Broadway; 1885-1891, Lynchburg; 1892-6, Foreign Missionary Secretary.

81. RILEY SETH WILLIAMSON. Born 1863, Baltimore county, Md.; died May 9, 1896, at Centreville, Cumberland Valley, Bedford county, Pa. 1887, Preston; 1888-9, Grove; 1890-1, Franklin City; 1892-4, Milton; 1895-6, Bedford.

82. JOHN ROBERT NICHOLS. Born in Berkeley county, W. Va., June 4, 1815; died at Odenton, Anne Arundel county, Md., July 22, 1896. 1838, Snow Hill and Princess Anne (A.); 1839, Kent (A.); 1840, Accomac Mission; 1841, Brickmakers' Station, Phila.; 1842, Snow Hill and Newtown (A.); 1843-4, Sussex; 1845-8, Brickmakers'; 1849, Reading; 1850-2, Williamsport; 1853-5, South Baltimore; 1856-9, East Washington; 1860-1, Kent; 1862-3, Sussex; 1864-5, East Baltimore; 1866-8, Starr; 1869-70, Broadway; 1871, Pipe Creek; 1872-4, Baltimore; 1875, Hampden; 1876, Liberty; 1877, N. W. Mission, Baltimore; 1878-9, Severn; 1880, All Saints; 1881, Hull-Street; 1882, Pittsville; 1883-4, Balti-

more; 1885, Marley; 1886, Baltimore; 1887-90, Anne Arundel; 1891, Ellicott City and Nichols' Memorial; 1892-95, Nichols' Memorial.

83. JAMES THOMAS WARD. 1844, Williamsport; 1841, Pipe Creek, Assis't; 1842-3, Williamsport, Assis't; 1844, Williamsport; 1845, Cumberland; 1846-7, no appointment, own request; 1848, transferred; 1857-9, Pipe Creek; 1860-1, Alexandria; 1862-3, Liberty; 1864-5, Ninth-Street; 1866, supernumerary; 1867-1886, President Western Maryland College; 1887-1897, President Westminster Theological Seminary.

84. RHESA SCOTT NORRIS. Born in Harford county, Md., August 7th, 1820; died December 7th, 1897, at Baltimore, Md. Interred at Loudon Park Cemetery. 1842, Cecil; 1843, Trough Creek; 1844, New Market; 1845, Trough Creek; 1846-8, Anne Arundel; 1849-50, Newtown; 1851-2, Philadelphia (Brickmakers'); 1853-4, Stewartstown; 1855-7, Baltimore Circuit; 1858-60, Howard; 1861-2, Easton; 1863-4, Belair; 1865-7, Pipe Creek; 1868, Frederick; 1869-72, Starr Church; 1873-4, Chestertown; 1875-8, Washington-St. Church; 1879-82, Light-St. Church; 1883-7, Maryland Tract Society.

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

APRIL 6, 1898.

Seventieth session of Maryland Annual Conference opened in Lafayette-Avenue Church, Baltimore, Md., at 9 o'clock, Wednesday morning, April 6, 1898. Devotional services conducted by President A. D. Melvin.

L. W. Bates was called to the chair, and the President read his report. (Report A.)

Roll was called. The name of R. S. Norris was transferred to the Dead Roll.

A resolution was offered by L. W. Bates, S. B. Southerland and J. J. Murray, tendering greetings of the Conference to J. W. Everest. Adopted. (Res. 1).

Dead Roll was read by W. R. Graham.

Conference decided to hold Memorial Service Wednesday evening, after Communion Service.

President announced Standing Committees.

Rule making Board of Finance consist of three ministers and three laymen, according to action of Conference of '95, was corrected in Minutes to correspond with that action.

Conference decided to hold one session a day, viz.: from 9 to 2 o'clock.

Special arrangement was made for this day, to adjourn at 12.30 and meet at 2.

Secretary read his report, which was referred to Board of Finance. (Report B).

Bar of the house was made to include first five pews.

George A. Morris was appointed to collect a purse for the sexton of the church.

E. D. Stone was elected Post Master.

Conference took recess till 11 o'clock, at which time the annual sermon was delivered by A. W. Mather, from I. Kings xvii. 13. Subject, "God First."

AFTERNOON.

A resolution to insert a column in report of Foreign Missionary Steward for Sunday-School contributions, was adopted. (Res. 2).

A resolution in regard to building churches, was referred to Committee on President's Report. (See Res. in Report of Committee on President's Report, Report F).

Roll was called, and pastors deposited their reports.

A resolution authorizing the Steward of the Church Extension Society to pay to the Treasurer of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society that pro rata of the sum of \$200 which said Baltimore City Church Extension Society furnished Christ Church in its emergency, was offered and adopted. (Res. 3).

The order of the day having arrived, Conference proceeded to election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President, A. D. Melvin.

Secretary, Dorsey Blake.

Conference Steward, Louis Randall.

Church Extension Steward, Avery Donovan.

Superannuated Fund Steward, W. H. Litsinger.

Foreign Missionary Steward, A. N. Ward.

General Home Missionary Steward, A. S. Beane.

Educational Steward, G. W. Hines.

Conference Steward appointed E. T. Read as his assistant.

On motion, the tellers were instructed to retire and count the vote for Standing District Committee.

J. T. Murray offered a resolution on the situation between the United States and Spain, which was adopted, and the Secretary instructed to telegraph a copy of it to the President of the United States. (Res. 4).

Vote for Committee on Appeals was taken, and the tellers permitted to retire.

The President appointed leaders for devotional services during Conference session.

Secretary appointed C. P. Nowlin and J. H. S. Ewell as his assistants.

Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Rev. R. B. Whitehead, Fraternal Messenger

from the Pittsburgh Conference and Representative of Chicago University, were introduced to the Conference.

Adjourned with benediction by J. D. Kinzer.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, April 7, 1898.

Conference assembled at 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by T. H. Wright.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll of charges called for presentation of business.

Papers from Quantico, Bethel, Remington, Powellville, Wye, Middleway, Williamsport, Baltimore Circuit, Pocomoke Circuit, and Tyreanna referred to Faculty of Instruction.

Election of Standing District Committee resulted as follows: L. W. Bates, W. M. Strayer, Wm. Dale, W. B. Usilton, W. G. Baker, W. J. C. Dulany.

Papers from Williamsport, Heathsville, Quantico, Fairview, Second Church (Wilmington), Remington, Mt. Nebo, Wye, N. C. Ave., Eldorado, Talbot, Mardela, Georgetown, Del., Powellville and Potomac, referred to Committee on Church Extension.

N. O. Gibson was appointed to collect dues for Church Extension Society, and H. O. Keen for Superannuated Fund Society.

Roll of committees called for submission of reports.

Paper offered by T. H. Lewis was referred to the Faculty of Instruction.

H. G. Roberts and S. S. Tracy were substituted for R. S. Jett and Israel Gunkel, on Committee on Credentials.

A paper offered by the President, concerning York Road Society, was referred to a special committee, consisting of J. S. Bowers, J. M. Sheridan, A. W. Mather, T. S. Duvall, W. W. Smith and C. W. Smith.

Overture from General Conference, concerning election of stewards, adopted. (Report C).

Report of Conference Trustees, adopted. (Report DD).

The Trustees of the Conference, whose term had expired, were re-elected.

Election of Committee on Appeals resulted as follows: W. S.

Hammond, J. D. Kinzer, F. T. Little, S. Vannort, John Dodd and J. G. Clarke.

Letter from R. L. Lewis referred to Committee on Superannuates.

J. T. Murray presented report of Baltimore Book Directory. (Report I). On motion, it was made the order of the day. The report was referred to Committee on Literature.

On motion of F. T. Tagg, a recess for one-half hour was taken.

On resuming, a paper from St. John's, referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

Report of Board of Governors of Theological Seminary, referred to Committee on Education. (Report T).

Report of Agent of President's Parsonage, referred to Board of Finance.

T. H. Lewis made a motion to amend Rule 28, of Manual, by omitting all after "sermon." Carried. (Res. 5).

Paper from Remington, referred to Board of Finance.

B. A. Dumm signified his intention to withdraw from the Conference.

It was agreed to hear Revs. T. J. Ogburn and R. B. Whitehead at 10 o'clock Friday.

Motion to adjourn, carried.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, April 8, 1898.

Conference convened at 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by F. A. Holland.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll of Committees called.

C. W. Shockley was substituted as delegate from Snow Hill, in place of G. M. Dryden.

Roll of Charges called, and business presented.

W. H. Fox was recognized as delegate from Fairfax.

Letter from David Wilson, asking to be left without appointment for one year, was read. Request granted.

Letter from Maryland Tract Society, referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

Letter from Rev. A. B. Purdy, Fraternal Messenger from New

York Conference, read and referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

Rev. R. B. Whitehead, Fraternal Messenger from Pittsburgh Conference, and Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Corresponding Secretary Board of Foreign Missions, addressed the Conference.

Paper from Queen Anne's referred to Board of Finance.

Papers from Bethany, Fairfax, Hurlocks, Waverly, Cumberland, Frederica, North Baltimore, St. Michael's, Reliance, Harper's Ferry, Broadway and Christ Church, referred to Committee on Church Extension.

Rev. J. C. Berrien, Corresponding Secretary of Board of Ministerial Education, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Report of the Maryland Branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was read, and referred to Committee on Foreign Missions. (Report S).

The report of the American Anti-Saloon League was referred to Committee on Temperance.

Dr. J. W. Hering, President of the General Conference, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Profs. Simpson and Watts, of Western Maryland College, were introduced.

Committee on Pulpit Supply reported.

B. K. Green, delegate from Salem Charge, was excused from further attendance.

S. W. Coe was substituted on Committee on Fraternal Relations, in place of J. L. Elderdice; G. J. Smith, on Committee on Literature, in B. A. Dumm's place; and C. W. Shockley, on Church Extension, instead of B. K. Green.

Mrs. Sarah Bayne and Mrs. Kate Hupfield, President and Corresponding Secretary, respectively, of the W. F. M. S., were introduced.

J. J. Murray made a motion to take a recess. Carried.

Conference Steward offered a paper. Adopted. (Res. 6).

The report of Faculty of Instruction was taken up, and considered item by item. The whole report was adopted. (Report D).

Report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society was read, and referred to Committee on Church Extension.

On motion, the Conference gave way to a meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society.

The Board of Finance made a partial report. Adopted. (Report E).

The delegate from Queen Anne's was excused from further attendance.

Adjourned with benediction by J. J. Murray.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, April 9, 1898.

Conference assembled at 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises led by J. F. Bryan.

Minutes read and approved.

J. M. Sheridan, J. D. Kinzer, J. M. Gill, J. L. Straughn, W. J. C. Dulany, Daniel Baker, N. T. Meginniss, J. N. Gilbert and James E. Stake were named as Committee on President's Parsonage.

Roll of Committees called.

The disposition of Box Iron and Cool Spring churches, of Snow Hill Charge, was left to the Trustees of the Conference. (Res. 7).

Papers from Delta, Parksley, Seaford, Dover, First Church (Wilmington), Delmar and Middleway, referred to Committee on Church Extension.

Invitation from Society for Protection of Children from Vice and Immorality, of Baltimore City, was read and accepted.

Report of Committee on President's Report read, and adopted. (Report F).

Report of Committee on Evangelistic Work adopted, as amended. (Report G).

Delegate from Delmar excused from further attendance.

Committee on Superannuates submitted a report. Adopted. (Report H).

Committee on Plan to Increase Salaries of Married Pastors to \$600, reported. Report recommitted.

Committee on Literature reported. (Report I).

Committee on Church Extension submitted a partial report. Adopted. (Report J).

Resolution offered by J. T. Lassell, to appoint a committee on rule for election of delegates, adopted. (Res. 8).

Partial report of Board of Finance, submitted and adopted. (Report E).

Conference took recess.

Committee on Election of Delegates announced as follows: J. T. Murray, J. T. Lassell, S. B. Tredway, Eli Nicodemus, Minos A. Davis.

Committee on Sabbath Observance reported. Rev. Oliver Hemstreet, Agent of Sabbath Observance Association, addressed the Conference.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance adopted. (Report K).

Delegates from Trinity, Belair, Middleway and Beaver Dam were excused from further attendance.

Report of Committee on Fraternal Relations was read. Action deferred.

Report of Committee on Literature taken up, and, after some discussion, action was deferred until 10 A. M. Monday. (Report I).

Ordination of F. S. Cain was fixed for Sunday morning in West Baltimore Church.

President addressed the candidates for admission into the itinerancy.

Adjourned with benediction by J. E. Nicholson.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, April 11, 1898.

Conference assembled at 9 o'clock.

Devotional service led by H. F. Wright.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll of Committees called.

Delegate from Fairfax was excused.

Paper from Evergreen referred to Faculty.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools read and adopted. (Report L).

Special Committee on York Road Society asked that the matter be referred to Committee on Church Extension. Granted.

President called J. T. Murray to the chair.

Name of Jesse Shreeve referred to Committee on Superannuates.

Report of Committee on Literature considered by items. Item 1, stricken out; substitute offered by J. L. Mills, adopted. Item

2, amended. Items 3 and 4, stricken out. Item 5, adopted. Report adopted as amended. (Report I).

Report of Committee on Fraternal Relations considered by items. Items 1 and 2, adopted.

Recess taken for half hour.

On motion of J. D. Kinzer, the chair appointed as ushers and doorkeepers—W. A. Melvin, G. A. Morris, H. F. Wright, A. A. Bichell.

Superannuated Fund Steward submitted report. Adopted. (Report M).

Resolution of J. D. Kinzer, to fix time for next session of Conference for first Wednesday in April, 1899, adopted. (Res. 9).

Time of adjournment extended.

Remainder of report of Committee on Fraternal Relations adopted. (Report N).

Report adopted as a whole.

Adjourned with benediction by J. M. Yingling.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, April 12, 1898.

Conference convened at 9 A. M.

Devotional services led by G. A. Morris.

By common consent, the bar of the house was fixed at the fourth seat.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll of Committees called.

W. S. Hammond was called to the chair.

Committee on Christian Endeavor Work reported. Adopted. (Report O).

On motion of T. H. Lewis, Committee on C. E. Work was continued.

Rev. R. W. Todd, Secretary Maryland Bible Society, was introduced.

Committee on Superannuates reported. Adopted. (Report H).

Committee on Official Character reported. On motion of F. T. Tagg, last item of report was referred to the President. Report adopted. (Report P).

Report of the Home for the Aged was read, amended and adopted. (See Tables).

General Home Missionary Steward submitted report. Adopted. (Report R).

Report of Committee on Missions read and adopted. (Report S).

Report of Maryland Educational Endowment Society was read. (Report T).

T. H. Lewis offered a resolution in regard to a Convention of the Conference C. E. Union. Adopted. (Res. 10).

Resolution of H. L. Elderdice, to publish Conference Sermon, adopted. (Res. 11).

Report of Committee on Education was submitted and considered by items. Item 1, adopted. Item 2, amended and adopted.

Motion to take recess till 1.30, carried.

Consideration of Report of Committee on Education resumed. Item 3, adopted. Item 4, amended and adopted. Items 5, 6 and 7 adopted. Report adopted as a whole. (Report T).

Q. L. Morrow requested to be left without appointment for one year. Granted.

A report of Faculty of Instruction was submitted. Laid on the table. (Report D).

A report of the growth of the Maryland Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, was read by T. H. Lewis. Adopted by rising vote and singing Doxology. (Report U).

A resolution that a committee be appointed to prepare a program for Seventieth Anniversary of Maryland Conference, adopted. (Res. 12). Committee named as follows: T. H. Lewis, W. M. Poisal and Daniel Baker.

Committee on Church Extension reported.

Time was extended and report considered by items. Recommendations in regard to Broadway, Caroline and Seaford, amended. Report adopted. (Report J).

Motion that Conference reconvene at 8 P. M., made and carried.

Conference Steward submitted report. Adopted. (Report V).

Report of Committee on Benevolent Agencies adopted as a whole. (Report W).

J. W. Kirk moved that the President be requested to read his plan of appointments at 9 o'clock, and that his Secretary read it in the lecture-room at the same time. Carried.

Report of Foreign Missionary Steward adopted. (Report X).

Report of Educational Steward adopted. (Report Y).

N. O. Gibson reported \$102 collected by him for Church Extension Society.

Adjourned with benediction by J. L. Straughn.

EVENING SESSION.

Committee on Temperance submitted report. Item 8 amended, and report adopted. (Report Z).

Report of Committee on Statistics, adopted. (Report AA).

President recommended J. G. Sullivan to the Committee on Superannuates. Adopted.

Selection of a place of meeting for next year was left to the President and Standing District Committee. (Res. 13).

Faculty of Instruction submitted additional report. Adopted. (Report D).

Supplementary report of Committee on Superannuates, adopted. (Report H).

Report of Faculty of Instruction in regard to literary degrees, taken from the table, reconsidered and adopted. (Report D).

G. A. Morris reported \$35 collected by him for sexton.

Church Extension Steward reported. Adopted. (Report BB).

Report of Board of Finance submitted and adopted. (Report E).

Motion to continue the Committee on Election of Delegates, to report at next session, carried.

Amendment to report of Committee on Temperance, offered by chairman of committee, adopted. (Report Z).

Committee on Evangelistic Work announced as follows: J. D. Kinzer, J. L. Straughn, W. E. Sheppard, R. H. Smith.

Committee on Transportation, F. T. Little.

Resolution offered by T. H. Lewis, to amend Pastor's Report, adopted. (Res. 14).

Resolution offered by B. F. Benson, adopted. (Res. 15).

F. T. Tagg called attention of the Conference to S. B. Southerland's lecture on "Origin and Early Days of the Methodist Protestant Church."

B. W. Kindley offered a resolution. Amended and adopted. (Res. 16).

J. L. Straughn offered a resolution. Adopted. (Res. 17).

President announced ordination of Geo. A. Morris, Howard O. Keen, N. O. Gibson, F. D. Stone and W. A. Melvin, to take place in Starr Church, Wednesday evening, April 13, 8 o'clock.

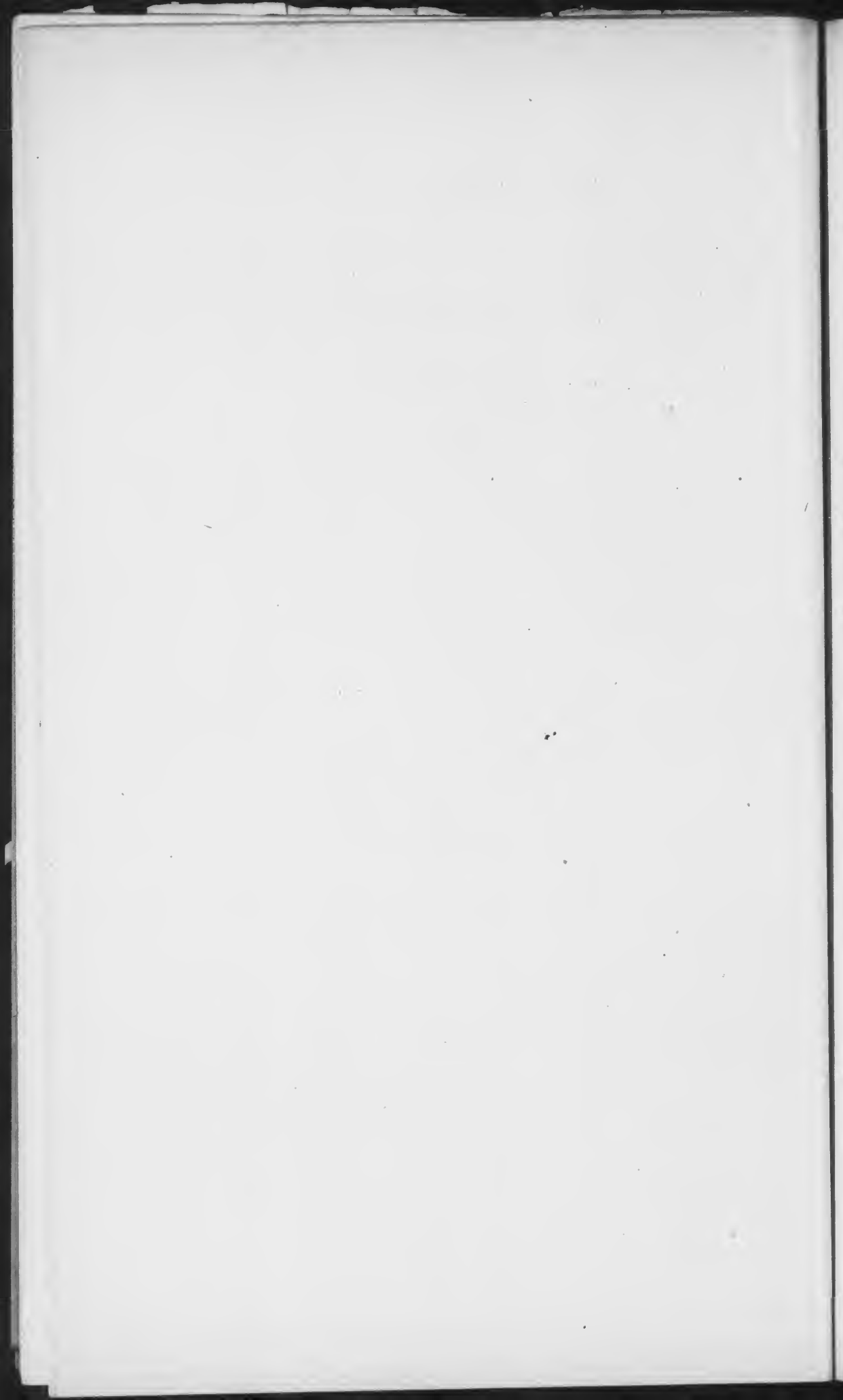
Minutes read.

Plan of appointments read. (Report CC).

Adjourned with benediction.

Approved: A. D. MELVIN,

President.



REPORTS.

Report A.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: The first Sabbath after the rise of our last Conference I began the laborious work of visiting the churches. I have visited every charge, some of them several times, to attend Quarterly Conferences, business meetings and on other occasions to consult with pastors, and look after the interests of the churches. I have attended to all the duties of my office to the best of my ability, and now, in compliance with our law, respectfully submit, for your consideration, my report.

Before I bring to your attention matters of business, it becomes my sad duty to officially report the death of a brother and sister beloved.

On the 7th day of December, 1897, Rev. R. Scott Norris, a brother who had given the church many years of faithful service, was called to depart and be with Christ. An obituary committee was promptly appointed and at the proper time they will suitably express our estimate of his character and work.

On the 19th day of February, 1898, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Ewell, widow of the late Dr. Daniel F. Ewell, fell asleep in Jesus. An obituary was prepared by her son-in-law, Rev. E. C. Atkins and has been published in the Methodist Protestant.

ORDINATIONS.

On the 21st day of April, 1897, in West Baltimore Church, H. F. Wright, J. F. Bryan and F. A. Holland, were ordained to the office of Elder. In this service I was assisted by Drs. J. T. Murray and F. T. Tagg and Rev. J. W. Kirk.

Rev. J. B. Jones was appointed Fraternal Messenger to the New York Conference.

UNSUPPLIED CHARGES.

At the close of our last session, Bethel, Indian River, Patapsco and Williamsport charges were unsupplied. Rev. G. F. Kindley, was appointed to Bethel; Rev. David L. Johnson to Indian River; Rev. W. S. Sims to Patapsco, and Rev. Ellis H. Jones, Jr., to Williamsport. These brethren entered promptly upon, and have continued faithfully at their work.

ADDITIONAL PASTORAL SUPPLY.

Nothing has occurred to necessitate a change in the appointments made at our last Conference, but I have had to furnish some charges with additional pastoral supply.

Rev. R. L. Lewis, who was appointed to Wye, has not been able to go to his charge, or do any work during the year, because of poor health. Much of the

time he has spent in bed. He has, however, retained his official relation to the charge. This work has been well cared for and has prospered. The first half of the year it was supplied by Dr. F. T. Tagg, at my request. November 24th, 1897, after consulting with the Quarterly Conference, I appointed Rev. J. M. Dickey, a local preacher of Washington-St. Church, assistant pastor. Upon investigation I found it was not practicable for one pastor to serve Fairview and Violetsville Churches without assistance, because they both wanted and needed Sabbath evening service. At the request of the Quarterly Conference I arranged for assistance by local preachers of this city.

Rev. Sam'l W. James assisted the pastor until the beginning of the Seminary vacation. During the vacation Rev. Benj. Ruley was the assistant. Since that time Rev. W. Morgan Jett has been regularly and successfully preaching at Violetsville. I do not think it practicable for these two churches to be served by one pastor for the reasons before mentioned. I recommend that Violetsville be made a separate charge. It can be satisfactorily supplied without an appropriation.

Millsboro was recognized, at our last Conference, as a charge, and recommended to the care of the President. Early in the year I visited that section of Delaware and found a very inviting field. The Conference Evangelist began his work there, and the interest was soon of such a character, that I deemed it advisable that there should be some one who would be recognized as pastor, inasmuch as the Evangelist could not remain. I therefore appointed Rev. J. L. Straughn, the pastor of Harrington, also the pastor of this work. This brother, always abundant in labors, has given this work a great deal of attention, and deserves the thanks of the Conference. With such assistance as he could obtain he has furnished all of the appointments on this charge with regular service.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

I appointed J. D. Kinzer, J. L. Straughn, W. E. Sheppard and R. H. Smith, the Committee on Evangelistic Work. This committee met promptly, and formulated rules and plans for conducting this work during the year. The results of the labors of the Evangelist will be set forth in the Committee's report. I recommend the continuation of the Committee on Evangelistic Work, and also recommend the appointment of J. McLain Brown, as Evangelist, with an appropriation of \$400. Notwithstanding Bro. Brown's incessant and successful labors, his support has not been sufficient. The financial results at Millville alone—leaving out of consideration the many souls converted and churches revived—and the financial gains in other places—will demonstrate the wisdom of expending Church Extension money in this way. This has been real Church Extension. As a financial return for the \$200 appropriated, we have in the town of Millville, a church property, free from debt, costing \$1,550, not including the lot on which it is built, which we have in fee. The plans of the Committee for the coming year make it advisable that this charge remain the special care of the President, and I so recommend. Inasmuch as Millville will be the centre of our work in that section, and the

place where the pastor ought to live, I recommend that the name Millville be substituted for Millsboro.

MATERIAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Fine churches have been completed and dedicated at Cristfield, Finksburg, Millville and on Potomac Circuit. A neat country church has been built and dedicated on Delmar Charge. The debt on the church at Greenbackville has been paid and it has been dedicated. The new church at Remington has been completed and is now being used by the congregation. The congregation of the First Church, Washington, D. C., has purchased a large brick church and parsonage on Fourth Street. This places them in a more favorable situation for growth. A lot has been purchased at Cumberland, the old church and parsonage sold, and they will begin to build this Spring. The new churches at North Carolina Ave., Seaford and Denton are well under way. Societies have been organized, and church buildings commenced at Hebron and Eldorado. A great revival at a school-house on Harper's Ferry Charge is expected to result in the building of a new church. Arrangements are being made for its erection.

Hampden Church has been splendidly improved. So has Jenning's Chapel on Lisbon Circuit, and the Stewartstown Church on Stewartstown Circuit. A parsonage has been built on Union Circuit and one purchased and paid for on Beaver Dam Circuit. Many more churches and parsonages have been greatly improved. Burdensome debts have been reduced, and some paid in full. The cost of these improvements will appear in the official reports of pastors. One noticable feature of our work is, we are building substantially. Notwithstanding all the money raised for the payment of debts, there are a great many churches still heavily burdened with debts, and ground-rents, which are a constant source of embarrassment, and in some cases threaten, financial disaster. I fear debts are sometimes made without reasonable hope of payment by those who make them, and then an appeal is made to the Conference or to the church at large for assistance. I think there ought to be some legislation to regulate these appeals. If a church expects assistance from the Conference the consent of the Conference should be obtained before the obligation is incurred.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The advance reports received from pastors do not indicate any material change in the financial condition of the District. The aggregates for general interests and pastors' salaries will be about the same as last year. In some instances pastors' salaries have been increased, and in a few cases they have been reduced. This reduction is to be deplored. They were already too low, so low as to cause embarrassment and hardships that are not justifiable. Sacrifices which are necessary for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ, ought to be, and are willingly endured. Those that are not, ought not to be endured, nor regarded with indifference by this Conference. The inevitable suffering caused by too small salaries is very much aggravated by the failure to pay promptly the little that is promised. Many pastors receive

almost nothing during the first quarter. A remedy for this must be provided. We cannot expect a desirable class of men to enter and remain in our Conference unless provision is made for their support. Churches must come to realize that there is an inseparable connection between ministerial support and ministerial supply. I have thought much upon this subject, and have conversed with ministers and laymen, in my anxiety to find the cause and the remedy; but have not succeeded to my entire satisfaction.

The unwise division of our work, and the employment of too many to cultivate a given territory has, probably, had something to do with it. Our expectations of improvement from these divisions have not always been realized. There has been great depression in business and our people are getting but small returns for their labors. A great deal has been said about a better plan of finance. What we most need is men of finance. If our official members will work any plan as industriously and faithfully as they must work at their own business in order to succeed, they would succeed with the financial management of the church. After all, brethren, I expect we have the true remedy in ourselves. Let us do our work so thoroughly and successfully that we will not only be desirable but indispensable to our people as pastors, and then hold them to the Divine command, that they that preach the Gospel should live by the Gospel. Do this lovingly, but plainly and forcibly. It is made our duty to see that our people abound in this grace also. A committee was appointed at our last Conference to consider this subject. I hope their report will receive the most thoughtful and serious consideration. The spiritual condition of our churches in some places is far below what it ought to be, and yet there are unmistakable evidences of improvements. These are to be found in the zeal of our ministers and laymen, in the increase in congregations, in Sabbath Schools and C. E. Societies, and the very marked disposition of our people to give more liberally for the erection of churches. These facts indicate a spiritual uplift, for all true prosperity has a spiritual basis.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Church Extension ought to have the best thought of the Conference and should be before it at a time when this important interest could be carefully considered. For that reason it would be better to have all but the appropriation reported to the Conference as early in the session as possible. We ought to look carefully at the boundaries of our charges, and see that they are so arranged that they may be worked to the best advantage, with the least toil to our ministers, and the least drain upon our Church Extension money. So much money is used in sustaining old work that does not grow, that we have little for new work. If a charge has been divided and aided until it has had a fair trial, and does not become self-sustaining, the appropriation ought to be discontinued and the work reunited. The Church Extension Society of Baltimore City continues its active work in sustaining the enterprises which have been started under its direction. It has done, and is doing a good work. I think any interference by the Conference that would embarrass it in working out its plans would be unwise. The money that the Conference

gives it for distribution, can be more wisely appropriated by it during the year, than it could by specific appropriations by our Conference at its annual session.

EDUCATION.

Western Maryland College continues to grow in favor with the people and has a larger patronage than ever. It is very gratifying to observe the general interest of our pastors and people in this excellent Institution of Learning. Pastors should send to President Lewis, as soon after the rise of Conference as possible, the names and addresses of all young people who will probably attend college.

Our most sanguine expectations concerning Westminster Theological Seminary for the year, have been realized. The improvement and advancement have been very encouraging. The grounds have been improved, the building renovated, the rooms neatly and comfortably furnished, a handsome residence has been erected for its President, and there has been a gratifying increase in the number of students. You will doubtless have a complete report from the proper authorities. I call attention to the necessity of raising the Seminary assessment in full. It should be raised and sent to the Treasurer, during the first quarter of the year.

LITERATURE.

There has been a gratifying increase in the use of our Sunday School literature. It is almost universally used by our Sunday Schools. It should be exclusively used. It is as good as the best and much better for us than any other. Failure to use it on the part of any school shows a lack of appreciation of that which is excellent, as well as a lack of denominational loyalty.

It has come to my attention that there has been considerable decrease in the number of subscribers to the *Methodist Protestant* in the District. This is both a matter of surprise and regret. Why it is so hard to obtain subscribers for a paper so cheap, and of such acknowledged excellence, it is hard to determine. It is sometimes said it comes in competition with other excellent papers that are cheaper. The Official Organ of the Church can have no real competitor. No other paper stands in the same relation to the church and individual, nor can they, no matter what their character, as viewed from a literary standpoint, because they do not give what the Official Organ does, viz. denominational information. One of the greatest difficulties we have in furthering our general interest, is the lack of knowledge on the part of our people, with the polity, purposes and work of our church. There is no way that this information can be so easily and successfully disseminated, as by sending this paper into the homes of our people. No church member can be what he ought to be, and do what he ought to do for his church, without the church paper. Intelligent interest in, and hearty cooperation with the church, is impossible, without a knowledge of the work and purposes of the denomination. In some way we must be made to realize more keenly that the circulation of the *Methodist Protestant* is of vital importance to us, and find a motive and means that will put it in every home of the church. Serious attention should be

paid to the importance of publishing "The History of Methodist Reform," of which Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse is the author. A call has been made for advance subscribers sufficient to insure its author against loss. These ought to be secured without further delay. If our people can be made to appreciate the value of such a history to our church, its publication need not be further delayed.

BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

The Maryland Tract Society, which has one of our ministers as its Corresponding Secretary, and to which our Conference is the largest contributor, continues its good work, fully justifying us in making it the medium through which we may continue the furnishing religious literature to those who would otherwise not have it.

The Maryland Bible Society, to which we annually contribute, continues its work of highest benevolence in distributing the Word of Light and Life to those who dwell in the regions of darkness and the shadow of death. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies within the bounds of our Conference have been working quietly, earnestly and successfully in the interest of Missions, and deserve the hearty endorsement and support of the Conference.

The Home for the Aged in Westminster must receive a more generous and hearty support from the pastors and people in order to secure its permanency. The President of the Board of Visitors has informed me that there are still many churches in which there is no representative of the Home, and that not a few of our pastors and churches have manifested no interest whatever. It can be easily seen that such a course will not only greatly embarrass those who have this work in charge, but if persisted in, will threaten the very existence of that benevolent institution.

Mrs. T. A. Reese continues her generous contributions to the ministers of the Conference, having put into my hands for distribution, this year, \$600.00. The Pipe Creek Benevolent Society has distributed to men in the active work \$280.

The St. John's Board of Beneficence has helped ministers and churches. The amount of help received from this source I am not able to give.

I found that the Conference held a mortgage on Clear Spring Church in Washington County, Md., upon which no interest had been paid for many years. I succeeded in realizing from it \$100, and released the mortgage. That amount, less a small expense incurred in its collection, I have in hand subject to the order of Conference. I recommend that this money be given to the Committee on Evangelistic Work, to be used by them in new enterprises. We were greatly embarrassed last Spring because we had no ready money.

Concerning White Marsh Church, I will report that investigation revealed the fact that our church had never received a deed for that property.

By a communication from Mr. John S. Bagby, of Rushville, Ill., I was informed that a Mrs. Sarah Snyder of that place had left the Methodist Protestant Church a sum of money. The amount of the bequest I was not informed. I at once placed the matter in the hands of T. A. Murray, Esq.

In conclusion, permit me to record my grateful appreciation of the generous hospitality and brotherly sympathy shown me by all whom I have met wherever my work has called me, and my devout acknowledgment of the Providence of God who has preserved my life and health through all the travel and toil of the year, enabling me to apply myself to a diligent discharge of the duties to which you assigned me without the loss of a day.

Praying that we may be endued with wisdom, faith and courage to devise liberal things for the advancement of our beloved Zion,

I am your brother in Christ,

A. D. MELVIN.

Report B.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

April 7th, 1897.	Balance.....	\$ 35 79
" 9th, "	Conference Steward.....	291 10
Oct. 27th, "	W. J. C. Dulany.....	3 75
	Four Copies Minutes.....	1 25
Total.....		\$331 89

EXPENDITURES.

April 13th, 1897.	Rev. L. Randall.....	\$ 23 00
" 10-14, "	Bibles and Elders' Credentials.....	4 20
" 13th, "	Lawyer's Fee—All Saints' Church.....	10 00
May 12th, "	Express Bill.....	40
June 5th, "	Printing Minutes.....	228 15
Nov. 12th, "	Book for Copying Minutes.....	2 55
	Hauling Trunk and Postage.....	4 23
	Secretary's Salary for Year ending April, 1897.....	50 00
Total.....		322 53
Balance		\$9 36

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH L. ELDERDICE, *Secretary.*

Report C.

(3.) OVERTURE FROM GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Shall the third paragraph, under head of "Stations and Circuit Stewards," be changed so as to read, "The Station and Circuit Stewards shall be elected annually in the stations by the qualified members, including ministers and preachers, and in the circuits and missions by societies, each society electing

its own stewards; provided that each society shall have at least one steward?"

Report D.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

1. We recommend the ordination of Frank S. Cain, he having completed the Course of Study.
 2. We recommend for reception into the itinerancy A. A. Bichell and John M. Dickey.
 3. We recommend Ethol E. Parsons and Charles M. Compher to the Board of Ministerial Education for aid.
 4. Upon the application of Pocomoke Circuit for the ordination of Rev. Hooper McGrath for ordination to the office of Elder, although he has not passed through the Conference Course, in view of the fact that he was ordained Deacon, and in view of the additional fact of his excellent character and his long and useful service in the Methodist Protestant Church, we suspend the Rule, and recommend that he be elected to elder's orders and that the President of the Conference be authorized to ordain him at Friendship Church on Pocomoke Circuit.
 5. We report that we have received Charlton B. Strayer as a student under the care of the Faculty.
 6. We report of the Introductory Class that John M. Dickey and Charlton B. Strayer were passed into the First Year's Class.
 7. We report of the First Year's Class: A. A. Bichell is continued. C. L. Daugherty 100 in M. P. History; E. T. Read 100 in M. P. History and 100 in "Nichol's Help," and with Wm. A. Melvin, J. L. Ward and W. O. Livingstone were passed into the Second Year's Class.
 8. We report of the Second Year's Class: N. O. Gibson 100 in Homiletics and 100 in Sacred Geography, W. R. McNett, E. D. Stone and H. E. Bennington 100 each in Homiletics and with G. A. Morris were passed into the Third Year's Class.
 9. We report of the Third Year's Class: T. P. Revelle 100 in Miller's Christian Ministry, 100 in Church History; F. L. Stevens, H. F. Wright and H. L. Schlinke 100 each in Church History; H. E. Nelson 100 in Theology and with T. H. Wright, F. S. Cain, C. E. Dryden and F. A. Holland were passed through the Course.
- A. N. Ward was given 100 in Miller's Christian Ministry, J. F. Bryan was passed in Butler's Analogy and in Miller's Christian Ministry, H. O. Keen was passed in Miller's Christian Ministry and these are continued in the other studies of the Third Year.
10. *Resolved*, That no student shall be reported to the Conference as making a 100 in any study unless he shall pass in all the other studies of that year.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND,

President of Faculty.

ADDITIONAL REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

We recommend that Wm. A. Melvin, G. A. Morris, N. O. Gibson, H. O. Keen and E. D. Stone be ordained, provided each shall give a pledge in open Conference, to pursue the studies until honorably passed through the course of instruction, and provided the work to which they may be assigned makes their ordination necessary.

We recommend that each Quarterly Conference shall adopt the Preparatory Course of this Annual Conference as a basis for the examination of applicants for license to preach, and that no person shall be licensed who does not pass an examination in all the above named studies before the Quarterly Conference Committee.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND,

President of Faculty.

It has come to the knowledge of the Faculty of Instruction that certain students under their care are contemplating a course of study by correspondence with a view of securing the title of Ph.D.

The Faculty desire to encourage all our young brethren of the ministry to embrace every legitimate opportunity for increasing their knowledge and attainments. But inasmuch as the degree of Doctor of Philosophy is the badge of University work and most rigid examinations, a degree which even our better colleges refuse to confer and Universities do not bestow for honor, but only for merit in advanced special studies, we feel sure no worthy institution would confer such a title for work done by correspondence; and the man who consents to bear a title so conferred subjects himself to the ridicule of scholars and involves the ministry in a charge of vanity and insincerity.

We therefore recommend that the Conference express its disapproval of this method of obtaining degrees and decline to recognize in any way a title so obtained.

J. L. MILLS,
Secretary.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND,
President.

Report E.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Board of Finance respectfully makes the following partial report to this Conference:

We have examined the report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage, and find it correct.

After a careful and thorough investigation with the Agent of the President's Parsonage, we find the location and condition of the house are such, that we recommend to this Conference the appointment of a committee to consider the advisability of selling the present house, and purchasing property in a more desirable section of the city—said committee to have full authority to act in the change of location, and to collect funds for the same.

We have examined the report and vouchers of the Secretary of the Conference, and find them correct.

We report the following assessments for the general interests of the Church. (See Assessment Tables.)

We recommend that the President's salary for the coming year be \$2,370.

On motion, Conference authorized Board of Finance to assess upon the District \$1,800 for the Theological Seminary.

J. M. SHERIDAN, *Chairman*.

Report F.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee on President's Report respectfully submit the following :

We rejoice in the success that has attended the labors of the year. It has been a year of prosperity, both temporal and spiritual. New churches have been erected, substantial improvements have been made on a number of the charges, new societies have been organized, burdensome debts have been reduced, and many paid in full. In many places there have been extensive revivals which have resulted in large accessions to the churches, and in the deepening of the spiritual life of the members.

The continued and increasing prosperity of Western Maryland College, and the improvement and advancement of the Theological Seminary which receive such warm words in the report, are extremely gratifying.

We note with pleasure the increase in the use of our Sunday-School literature, but deplore the decrease in the subscription list of *The Methodist Protestant*. We especially commend for consideration this paragraph: "Intelligent interest in, and hearty co-operation with, the church is impossible without a knowledge of the work and purposes of the denomination. In some way we must be made to realize more keenly that the circulation of *The Methodist Protestant* is of vital importance to us, and find a motive and means that will put it in every home of the church." We refer this item to the Committee on Literature.

We heartily endorse the words of the President in reference to ministerial support. We can hope for efficient men in the ranks of our ministry only as they are provided with a proper support. It is to be regretted that any pastor should have been subjected to a reduction in salary, and it is to be hoped that at this session of the Conference action will be taken that will secure to every pastor who is a married man a salary of at least \$600.00.

We congratulate the Conference and the Church upon the completion of "The History of Methodist Reform." This work, which is the production of the able pen of Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, D. D., than whom there is none better qualified to be the historian of Methodist reform, ought to be in every Methodist Protestant family. We suggest that pastors call attention to this work, and we trust that before another Conference there shall be such an increase in the number of advance subscribers to the work as will justify its being put in the hands of the publisher.

We again return our thanks to Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese, to the Pipe Creek

Benevolent Society, and to the St. John's Board of Beneficence for their continued generosity.

We express our gratification at the intelligence of the bequest to the Methodist Protestant Church of Mrs. Sarah Snyder, late of Rushville, Ill.

We heartily endorse the views expressed in reference to the Maryland Tract Society, and the Maryland Bible Society. We recognize these agencies as mighty forces for good, and commend them to the sympathy of our people.

We regret the lack of interest on the part of many pastors and churches in the Home for the Aged in Westminster. This is an institution of the church. It was established because it was felt there was need for such an institution. If it is to be what it was designed to be, it is necessary that there be an increased interest in it and an increased liberality towards it. We urge upon pastors the importance of having their charges represented on the Board of Visitors, and pray for this institution the active sympathy and support of the church.

It occurs to us that the wisdom of the following observation relative to small and decreased salaries, should be emphasized. "The unwise division of our work, and the employment of too many men to cultivate a given territory, has probably had something to do with it." We recommend that the Committee on Church Extension be governed by this in their recommendations, so far as is consistent.

We also recommend that in order that the work of Church Extension may receive the "best thought and careful consideration" of the Conference, the Committee on Church Extension give to the Conference that part of their report containing recommendations as to the division or the formation of charges not later than Tuesday morning

We recommend that the Committee on Evangelistic Work be continued.

We recommend that the recommendation that Violetsville be made a separate charge, and that the name Millville be substituted for Millsboro, be referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

We recommend that the recommendation that Rev. J. McLain Brown be appointed Conference Evangelist, be referred to the Committee on Evangelistic Work.

We recommend that the recommendation that an appropriation of \$400.00 be made for Conference Evangelist, be referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

We recommend that in accordance with the suggestion of the President, the money realized from the Clear Spring Church be given to the Committee on Evangelistic Work to be used in new enterprises.

We are pleased to learn of the splendid work accomplished by our Conference Evangelist in the town of Millville, Delaware, and recommend that this charge remain the special care of the President.

We recommend that the Baltimore City Church Extension Society be authorized to receive the contributions of the churches of Baltimore city, at whatever time during the year it may suit these churches.

We recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of two ministers and three laymen, to be known as the Committee on Church Enterprises, be added to the list of Standing Committees; and that no one shall have authority to make any general solicitation to build any church-house, or institute any church-building enterprise, in reliance on necessary help from abroad, without the endorsement of this committee based on a careful investigation of the feasibility of the undertaking.

J. W. BALDERSTON, *Chairman*.

Report G.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Your committee appointed to supervise the labors of the Conference Evangelist, Rev. J. McLain Brown, beg leave to make the following report.

The committee has held two meetings, the first on May 7th, 1897, and the second on March 1st, 1898. At the May meeting, after canvassing the various fields in which it was thought Bro. Brown could be profitably employed, he was directed to give the first two months of his time to Millsboro, Vine's Neck and Millville, in Sussex Co., Del. He entered upon his labors at once. Though an entire stranger among the people they opened their hearts and homes to him. Preaching services were arranged at all of the points named, God giving the seal of His approval to the work in the outpouring of His Holy Spirit. Conversions took place at almost every service.

At Millsboro an unoccupied Baptist Church was leased for 5 years. We now have at that place a membership of 30 persons, among them some very trustworthy people, and a Sunday School of 60 scholars.

At Vine's Grove a tent has been built for the use of the congregation, a society organized of 15 members, and a Sunday School of 30 scholars.

At Millville a fine church has been built and paid for, the cost of which was about \$1,500. The society has a membership of 50 persons, among them some of the most prominent citizens of that section of the state, nearly all of whom were converted at the meetings held by Bro. Brown in the early part of the Conference year or at the revival immediately following the dedication of the church. They have a Sunday School of 70 scholars. This much of the evangelists work can be set down as clear gain; less than a year ago we were unknown in this section of the State of Delaware. Bro. Brown has also rendered valuable service at Hebron, Md., where a new church is in course of erection. He also secured the lot on which the new church is built between Delmar and Salisbury.

In addition to his work on Millsboro charge and at Hebron, the following charges have had the benefit of his services: North Carolina Ave., Washington, D. C., Kennedyville, Delta, St. James', Lynch's, Salisbury, Laurel, Greenwood and Bethel, Stewartstown, Oxford and Pocomoke City. He has received for his services including some remittances through the President of the Conference the sum of \$296.41. In addition to this amount the sum of \$200.00 appropriated by the Conference to this work has been advanced.

A summary of the year's work may be seen in the following figures: Conversions 176; Sabbath Schools organized 4; new churches built 1; in course of erection 1; number of charges in which he has held evangelistic meetings 14; number of visits made 251.

At the March meeting of the committee the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That we ask the Conference to continue the Rev. J. McLain Brown in the same relation next year, and that the sum of \$400 be asked to be appropriated to this work."

The committee is unanimously of the opinion that with a larger appropriation, and with the additional advantage of a year's experience in the work, more gratifying results will follow from his labors next year than from the present year. We therefore recommend the continuance of Bro. Brown in the same relation.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. L. STRAUGHN,

Secretary of the Committee.

Report H.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATES.

Your Committee on Superannuates respectfully submits the following report:

1st. We recommend that Revs. Jesse Shreeve and R. L. Lewis be placed on the list of claimants on the Superannuated Fund.

2nd. We recommend that the money due Mrs. C. Eversole, from the appropriation of last Conference and now in the hands of the Superannuated Fund Steward, be held by said Steward subject to the order of the President of the Conference. We further recommend that the appropriation to said claimant recommended in this report be subject to the same conditions.

3rd. We recommend that the sum of \$4,000 be assessed on the District for distribution.

4th. We recommend the following appropriation:

Rev. L. W. Bates.....	\$400	Mrs. J. M. Elderdice.....	\$300
" W. A. Crouse.....	200	" J. H. Ellegood.....	150
" H. C. Cushing.....	300	" C. Eversole.....	125
" H. J. Day.....	150	" S. T. Ferguson.....	350
" J. W. Everest.....	100	" D. N. Gilbert.....	250
" W. G. Holmes.....	175	" Thomas Lee.....	125
" J. L. Kilgore.....	400	" W. F. Livingston.....	125
" R. L. Lewis..	350	" J. A. McFaden.....	175
" W. J. D. Lucas.....	375	" E. R. McGregor.....	100
" Jesse Shreeve....	400	" C. B. Middleton.....	275
" S. B. Southerland.....	550	" H. E. Miskimmon.....	150
" J. G. Sullivan.....	200	" J. K. Nichols.....	100
" J. A. Weigand.....	350	" J. R. Nichols.....	300

Reports to the

Mrs. W. C. Ames.....	\$125	Mrs. R. S. Norris.....	\$250
" T. M. Bryan.....	125	" J. E. Reed.....	125
" J. W. Charlton.....	200	" John Roberts.....	250
" C. T. Cochell.....	125	" D. A. Shermer.....	100
" T. E. Coulbourn.....	400	" C. M. Thompson.....	200
" W. T. Dumm.....	275	" S. G. Valliant.....	150
Mrs. P. L. Wilson.....			125

5th. Mrs. D. Bowers and Mrs. R. S. Williamson relinquish their claim on the fund for this year.

6th. The fund paid last year \$81.80 on each \$100 appropriated.

7th. We recommend that Rev. J. G. Sullivan be placed upon the list of Superannuated Claimants, with an appropriation of \$200.

F. T. LITTLE, *Chairman*.

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONNERENCE.

Treasurer's Report for Year April, 1897-April, 1898.

Thomas A. Murray, Treasurer, in Account with Superannuated Fund Society.

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To Balance in hand per last Report	\$ 3 26
Amount received from Rev. L. F. Warner, Conference Steward..	110 06
Proceeds sale A. W. & B. Stock, sold per order Board.....	50 00
Proceeds sale \$4,000 Northern Central R. R. Bonds, sold per order of Board for re-investment as below.....	4,471 25
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	\$4,634 57

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By Amount invested in purchase of 3 Ground Rents of \$82 each per annum, per order of Board, as per Vouchers.....	4,505 80
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Balance in hand to credit Investment Account.....	\$ 128 77
N. B.—3 Ground Rents above purchased at cost of.....	\$4,505 80
4 Bonds sold yielded.....	4,471 25
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Excess in cost of Ground Rents.....	34 55
3 Ground Rents redeemable after 1908 at.....	\$4,100 00
4 Bonds were redeemable in 1904 at.....	4,000 00
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Gain in principal on redemption.....	\$ 100 00
Less excess in cost as above.....	34 55
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Net gain in principal on re-investment.....	\$ 65 45
3 Ground Rents above yield annual Income of....	\$ 246 00
4 Bonds sold yielded net annual Income of.....	219 47
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Gain in annual Income on re-investment....	\$ 26 53

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DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To Amount Income from Investments collected.....	\$4,252 35
“ Conference Assessments received.....	304 90
	—————\$4,557 25

Cr.

By Taxes on Securities paid (Voucher No. 1)....	\$ 125 80
Rent Safe Deposit Box (Voucher No. 2).....	15 00
Interest per agreement (Voucher No. 3).....	50 00
Amount paid for services of Special Agent,	
• per order of Board (Voucher No. 4).....	50 00
Amount paid for Stationery (Voucher No. 5).	10 90
	—————\$ 251 70
Check to Rev. L. F. Warner, Steward, for	
October distribution (Voucher No. 7)....	\$1,903 75
Check to same (Voucher No. 8).....	30 00
Check herewith to order said Steward in full	
balance in hand for distribution.....	2,371 80
	—————\$4,305 55
	—————\$4,557 25

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, and find them correct as per above report.

We have also carefully examined the securities of the Society, and find them fully accounted for, and properly deposited in the box of the Society at the Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

JOHN G. CLARKE,

F. T. TAGG,

J. M. SHERIDAN,

Auditing Committee.

MINUTES OF SUPERANNUATE FUND SOCIETY.

The Superannuated Fund Society met Friday evening, April 8th, 1898, in West Baltimore Station, Rev. J. T. Lassell in the chair. T. A. Murray, Treasurer, read his report. Election of officers then took place. Rev. J. T. Lassell was elected First Vice-President; Rev. W. J. Neeper, Second, and Rev. A. W. Mather, Third Vice-President. The following Board of Managers were elected—Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, J. T. Murray, F. T. Tagg, J. S. Bowers, J. W. Hering, T. A. Murray, C. A. Benjamin. Secretary, G. Q. Bacchus.

G. Q. BACCHUS, *Secretary.*

Report I.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

The report of the Baltimore Book Directory, referred to this committee, has been given the careful consideration which such a paper demands. Before

considering some very important matters brought to the attention of the Conference through this report, we wish to congratulate the Editor of the *Methodist Protestant*, Rev. Dr. F. T. Tagg, upon his intelligent and efficient management of the editorial departments, and other literary columns of that paper, and upon the general recognition given the *Methodist Protestant* in the columns of the official organs of other denominations. It is very apparent that in this service he is "in labors abundant," meriting the commendations bestowed upon his editorial conduct of the paper, and deserving a larger reading constituency than the *Methodist Protestant* receives in its too limited circulation.

We also report it as the sense of your committee, that the publishing agent, W. J. C. Dulany, Esq., merits the complimentary words spoken of him in the report of the Book Directory, namely, that it is "to the capable management of our agent that we are indebted for as favorable a showing as we are able to make," believing that he applies the same energy and enterprise to the management of the business department of our publishing interests which characterize him in his other large and successful business engagements.

But the editor and agent, by combined effort, cannot conduct these interests to the desired measure of success without the active and zealous co-operation of the church at large, and of the Maryland Annual Conference in particular. The fact that the Directory had a deficit to report at the close of the last fiscal year is a statement sufficiently grave to awaken the whole church to its responsibility in the premises; for we are of the opinion that if the same close attention and persistent effort were given this matter, as are bestowed upon other general interests of the church, a decreased subscription list could not be an item in any report of the Directory to this Conference. This statement, we think, is sustained beyond all refutation by the speeches already made upon the floor of this Conference.

We, therefore, wish to suggest that official and religious obligation is upon the pastors of all our churches to be as duly and constantly diligent in promoting the circulation of the *Methodist Protestant* as they are in collecting Conference assessments, since we believe that, without this official literary organ of the church, we soon would have no general interests to look after.

We further suggest, that it is the duty of all our churches, and especially of the laymen who are in membership with this Conference, to bestir themselves to the extent of giving practical and persistent endeavor to this cause, which cannot be regarded as second to any general interest in our work. And we also commend to the attention and heart of every individual member and friend of the church the terse and timely statement of the President in his report, that "the official organ of the church can have no rival."

Your committee further submits for Conference consideration the following recommendations:

First, that it be the sense of this Conference, that church news should be furnished promptly to the *Methodist Protestant*, by the pastors and by competent laymen who are interested in their church.

Secondly, we recommend that the second Sunday in December be observed

in all our churches as "Good Literature Day;" that the sermon of the morning service be upon that subject.

Thirdly, we call attention to "The History of Methodist Reform," of which Rev. Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse is the author, and which is now ready for the press. We recommend that the Conference, at this session, take such action as will assure the publication of that important work without delay.

Fourthly. We have learned with pleasure, that there will be issued from the press of the publishing agent, Mr. W. J. C. Dulany, in a few weeks, a volume of sermons prepared by the late Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., and preached before the students of Western Maryland College. We heartily commend these sermons to the members of this Conference and to the general public.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. POISAL, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY.

The Book Directory at Baltimore beg to present to your careful consideration the Publishing Interests of the Church committed to its care and management. We urge more strongly than usual your consideration of this interest because of the imperative necessity of the adoption of measures for the improvement of its condition.

We close the year with a deficit, impairing our too limited capital. Though we may indulge the hope that this is but a temporary condition, it behooves that the hope be justified by extraordinary efforts to increase subscriptions to our periodicals and augment the sales of books. To the capable management of our Agent we are indebted for as favorable a showing as we are able to make; to make a better there must be general co-operation on the part of the church. It must awake to its share of responsibility. It is remarkable that while other general interests of the church are strongly and constantly emphasized by special agencies, appeals and plans, our publishing interests are not re-inforced by such aids. A sense of official obligation to aid in the circulation of our literature, save in exceptional instances, does not seem to be realized by the pastors, and as a rule, the membership of the church does not recognize an obligation to support its official organs. It is therefore a matter of surprise that our publications are kept alive, rather than that they do not grow and become more vigorous. Even in some Conferences it is considered a matter of grace—not always gracefully accorded—that our Editors and representatives get a hearing; and that, at times, under unfavorable conditions; this being followed by resolutions of no practical value: bidding us "Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled," but putting nothing in our hands.

Your attention is called to the remarkable fact of a decrease of subscribers to the *Methodist Protestant*. As no one will lay this to the charge of the Editor, whose conduct of the paper has been so highly commended, what is the cause of the decrease? We do not allow the common apologies; nor do we make any; we state the hard fact, believing it to be without excuse. We do not see in this an indication reassuring as to denominational progress. We do not see intelligent denominationalism keeping pace with numerical

increase. That our church reports annual increase of thousands of members, yet suffers a decrease of patrons of its literature, is certainly anomalous. Who is responsible? The answer is with the individual; and as each individual brings himself to the bar of judgment, if realizing personal dereliction, he resolves to do his duty, the matter will be mended.

This Conference must deplore the fact that there has been a decrease during the year of subscribers to the *Methodist Protestant* in the Maryland District.

There has been an increase in the circulation of our Sabbath School literature. As a part of the Board of Publication we regret the retirement of Rev. J. F. Cowan, D. D., from the Editorship of the Sabbath School publications. As soon as expedient a successor to Dr. Cowan will be elected; meantime the work will be in competent hands.

We ask that the consideration of the publishing interests be made the special order for such a day and hour as may seem most favorable to the presentation of this important interest.

Report J.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

We have given a patient and careful hearing to all persons having business with our committee, and would respectfully submit the following report, as the result of our best judgment, after considering all the interests involved.

We are gratified to report that First Church, Wilmington, has decided to ask no further help from the Conference. Also, that Chincoteague and Queen Anne's have decided to take care of their pastors, without outside assistance. We commend the example of these charges to the attention of all the charges seeking aid.

We are sorry to find that many of the charges receiving aid from this Society not only show no disposition to become self-supporting, but are seeking larger contributions than they have been receiving. The law, which makes a reduction of ten per cent. in all appropriations to charges that have been receiving aid for five years, has been, and will be, impartially observed.

We are very much gratified at the excellent report of Baltimore City Church Extension Society, and believe that church extension work in Baltimore city can be most judiciously cared for under the present arrangements.

Your committee regrets very much its inability to grant aid to every deserving charge seeking assistance. We recommend—

1. That Eldorado be attached to Hurlock.
2. That Cambria be detached from Delta and attached to Mount Nebo.
3. That Georgetown (Del.) Circuit be divided, and that Georgetown be made a station, known as Georgetown, Del., and supplied with a married man, and that the two country appointments (Hebron and Providence) constitute a circuit, known as Georgetown (Del.) Circuit, to be supplied with an unmarried man, provided the President can supply both charges.
4. That Hebron be attached to Mardela.

5. That Heathsville be supplied with two preachers, a married and unmarried man, provided the President can do so.

6. That Jones' Memorial, Bethel and York Road Mission be put in the hands of the President, to be supplied or disposed of as he deems wisest.

7. That Keller's be attached to Harper's Ferry.

8. That Mt. Hermon be detached from Salisbury and attached to Pittsville.

9. That Violetsville be made a separate charge.

10. That Charity be attached to Delmar for the present.

We recommend the following appropriations:

Broadway \$275, on conditions that \$150 is raised by the ministers of this Conference, coming from Broadway Church, so as to pay the interest (\$425) in full on the debt; and also that the members and friends of Broadway raise \$500 on the debt; also that the money appropriated by this committee is to be paid at the time when the \$500 on the debt is paid, and only then.

Baltimore Church Extension Society \$500, to be paid in full this year, with the understanding that the money collected in the churches of Baltimore city for church extension can be used by the said Society as soon as collected, and to the full amount of the above appropriation. We also urge that \$300 be raised by the Society on its debt.

Cumberland, \$75 (if supplied by unmarried man); Crumpton, \$30; Christ Church, \$150; Caroline (for Denton), \$100; Conference Evangelist, \$400; Evergreen, \$125; Fairfax, \$50; Frederica, \$50; Middleway, \$70; N. C. Avenue, \$500; North Baltimore, \$100; Parksley, \$100; Powellville, \$45; Potomac, \$70; Quantico, \$100; Reliance, \$45; Seaford, \$100; St. Michael's, \$35; Talbot, \$45; Wilmington, 2nd Church, \$50; Wye, \$50.

The above appropriations amount to \$3,115, and, with the present deficit, \$952.69, make a total of \$4,067.69.

We recommend that \$4,000 be assessed on the District for Church Extension; and that the form adopted by the Conference a few years since, to be used by charges in applying to the Church Extension fund for assistance, be printed annually in the Minutes of this Conference.

G. W. HADDAWAY, *Chairman*.

APPLICATION BLANK FOR AID FROM THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

1. Name of charge.
2. Name of pastor.
3. Name of delegate.
4. Number of members.
5. How many conversions during the year?
6. How many accessions during the year?
7. How many Sunday-School Scholars?
8. Have you a Christian Endeavor Society?
9. What plan have you for raising money?
10. How long will you need aid?
11. Has your charge a parsonage?
12. Is the parsonage furnished?

13. How much did you pay on salary this year?
14. How much will you pay next year?
15. Amount of appropriation last year?
16. Amount applied for now?
17. How long has your charge been receiving aid?
18. What is the amount of your indebtedness?

MINUTES OF CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

The Church Extension Society held its annual meeting, Monday, April 11, W. J. Neepier in the chair.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The following officers were elected: President, W. J. Neepier; First Vice-President, S. B. Tredway; Second Vice-President, W. B. Kindley; Secretary, C. E. Dryden; Treasurer, T. Harry Bartlett.

Board of Managers—F. T. Little, J. M. Sheridan, T. O. Crouse, S. B. South-erland, W. J. C. Dulany, J. N. Gilbert, T. A. Murray and T. Harry Bartlett.

N. O. Gibson was appointed to collect dues.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock to-night.

The Anniversary of the Society was held Monday night, April 11, in charge of W. J. Neepier, President.

Addresses were made by S. F. Cassen and J. L. Straughn.

J. W. Kirk, J. L. Straughn, F. T. Little and J. M. Gill were made life members of the Society.

Collection for the evening \$51.50.

Adjourned with benediction.

C. E. DRYDEN, *Secretary*.

Report K.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance, having considered the subject, express the regret that the sanctity of the Sabbath-day is not more generally respected, and that the violations of that commandment of God, which enjoins upon us "To remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy; six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work: in it, thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates," are of such frequent occurrence. With many persons, and among these church members, some of whom hold official positions even, this God-designed-to-be-holy day is but little, if any more, than any other day; on it they attend to their secular industries, perform their domestic labors, ship their products, deliver or receive provisions, ride or drive out for pleasure, and make purchases even of some things which, if necessary, might be secured the previous day; besides this, the Sunday newspaper is issued, sold, delivered and read; railroad companies run regularly on this day both passenger and freight trains, street cars are propelled along our streets, and steamboat companies run excursions to

pleasure resorts. With these facts before us, it occurs to us, that we cannot emphasize too strongly that the commandment to observe the Sabbath should certainly be regarded as obligatory upon us as any other in the decalogue, and its infraction should have neither our countenance nor support.

We recommend that all our ministers bring this subject to the attention of their congregations and people as often as circumstances will justify, and that they urge our members and all good citizens to discourage in every proper way the desecration of this holy day.

Signed by the Committee,

R. S. ROWE, *Chairman.*

Report L.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools begs leave to report :

That too much emphasis cannot be laid upon the importance of Sunday-School work ; and that, in proportion as we make our schools efficient, progressive, and spiritual, will the effect be seen upon the young life of the church in intelligent piety and denominational loyalty. And that this result may be accomplished, we urge the cultivation of a closer bond of sympathy between the church and the Sunday School. They are not separate, as seems to be indicated in some localities by the children rarely being seen at public worship, but one and the same. Therefore be it

Resolved, 1st. To better accomplish these results, the catechism published by the Methodist Protestant Church, and which sets forth our denominational polity and doctrinal beliefs, should be used in every school, and a part of each session devoted to its study. But where this is found to be impracticable, to have an afternoon or evening service during the week for catechetical instruction, and pastors are urged to give this matter immediate attention, that the children in our schools may be trained in the doctrines and polity of the church.

2nd. " We recommend that the first Sabbath of the month, services be held in the Sunday-school, looking to the conversion of the children and their enrollment as members of the church.

3rd. " We urge the reorganization of the districts in which no conventions are held, and that the President of the Conference is hereby authorized to name the chairmen of those districts, where the organizations have not been kept up, and to take such other steps as may seem necessary to carry out the law in respect to the holding of Sunday School Conventions.

4th. " We recommend that in all of our Sunday Schools Missionary Societies be organized for the purpose of assisting in raising the Conference assessments to Foreign Missions, and to train the children in the benevolent interests of the church.

5th. " We urge the use of our own Sunday-School literature, believing it to be equal to any published in the country, in point of literary merit, and that to use any other is a breach of denominational loyalty."

BOUNDARIES OF SUNDAY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

1. All charges east of the Susquehanna River and north of and including Queen Anne's county, Md.. and Clayton, Del., to constitute the first district.
2. All charges in Maryland south of Queen Anne's county and north of the Wicomico River to constitute the second.
3. All charges in Delaware south of Clayton to constitute the third.
4. All charges on the Peninsula south of the Wicomico River to constitute the fourth.
5. All charges west of the Susquehanna River and east of Westminster and Lisbon, including Baltimore city, to constitute the fifth.
6. The charges in the District of Columbia and Virginia to constitute the sixth.
7. All charges west of and including Westminster and Lisbon to be included in the seventh.

J. L. STRAUGHN, *Chairman.***Report M.**

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATED FUND STEWARD.

	<i>Am't Allowed.</i>	<i>Am't Paid.</i>
Rev. L. W. Bates.....	\$ 400 00	\$ 327 20
“ W. A. Crouse	200 00	163 60
“ H. C. Cushing.....	300 00	245 40
“ H. J. Day	150 00	122 70
“ J. W. Everist.....	100 00	81 80
“ W. G. Holmes.....	175 00	143 15
“ J. L. Kilgore.....	400 00	327 20
“ W. J. D. Lucas.....	375 00	306 75
“ R. S. Norris.....	350 00	286 30
“ S. B. Southerland.....	550 00	449 90
“ J. A. Weigand.....	400 00	327 20
Mrs. W. C. Ames.....	150 00	122 70
“ T. M. Bryan.....	150 00	122 70
“ J. W. Charlton.....	300 00	245 40
“ C. T. Cochell.....	125 00	102 25
“ T. E. Coulborn.....	400 00	327 20
“ W. T. Dumm.....	250 00	204 50
“ J. M. Elderdice.....	300 00	245 40
“ J. H. Ellegood.....	150 00	122 70
“ C. Eversole.....	125 00	102 25
“ D. F. Ewell.....	125 00	102 25
“ S. T. Ferguson.....	400 00	327 20
“ D. N. Gilbert.....	275 00	224 95
“ Thos. Lee.....	125 00	102 25
“ W. F. Livingston.....	150 00	122 70
“ J. A. McFaden.....	200 00	163 60

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	<i>Am't Allowed.</i>	<i>Am't Paid.</i>
Mrs. E. R. McGregor.....	\$ 100 00	\$ 81 80
“ C. B. Middleton	300 00	245 40
“ H. E. Miskimmon.....	200 00	163 60
“ J. R. Nichols.....	300 00	245 40
“ J. K. Nichols.....	100 00	81 80
“ J. E. Read.....	150 00	122 70
“ John Roberts.....	250 00	204 50
“ D. A. Shermer.....	100 00	81 80
“ C. M. Thompson.....	225 00	184 05
“ S. G. Valiant.....	175 00	143 15
“ P. L. Wilson.....	125 00	102 25
Total.....	<u>\$8,650 00</u>	<u>\$7,075 70</u>

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 5 16	
Rec. T. A. Murray, Treas., Oct. 18, '97.....	1,903 75	
“ “ “ Dec. 6, '97.....	30 00	
“ “ “ Apr. 8, '98.....	2,066 90	
District Collections.....	*3,010 80	
Special Collections for claimants who may be placed on fund for this year.	11 13	
Anniversary of 1897.....	10 00	
“ “ 1898.....	56 15	
Annual Dues.....	90 00	
	<u>—————</u>	\$7,183 89

Disbursements.

Paid T. A. Murray, Treas., for Investment.....	\$ 90 00	
“ to Claimants, October distribution.....	1,903 00	
“ “ “ April “	5,172 70	
“ Expenses of Steward.....	3 00	
“ “ “ Cor. Sec.....	1 70	
“ Bank Expenses.....	35	
	<u>—————</u>	\$7,170 75
Balance in hand.....		\$ 13 14

Per Cent., .818.

L. F. WARNER, *Steward.*

* 304.90 of District Collections was received through T. A. Murray, Treas.

Report N.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations respectfully submit the following report :

1. We recommend that the request of St. John's I. M. Church, for the loan of Rev. J. S. Bowers for one year, be granted.
2. That the request of the Maryland Tract Society for the services of Rev. J. T. Murray, as General Agent and Corresponding Secretary, be granted.
3. That the request of the National Christian Citizenship League for the loan of Rev. Quincey L. Morrow, to its Lecture Bureau, for one year, be not granted.
4. That we have heard with pleasure the address of Rev. R. B. Whitehead, Fraternal Messenger from the Pittsburg Annual Conference, and the letter of Rev. A. B. Purdy, from the New York Conference, and recommend that this Conference to appoint two of its members as Messengers to the Pittsburg and New York Conferences, to bear to them the fraternal greetings of this body.
5. That the thanks of this Conference be extended to the pastors of this church and his committee, for the delightful entertainment afforded us, to the post-master of the Conference, the press of this city for their accurate reports, and the transportation companies for reduced rates on their respective lines.

W. J. NEEPIER, *Chairman.*

Report O.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK.

Your Committee on Christian Endeavor Work beg leave to report as follows:

Number of Y. P. Societies, 138; Junior, 34; membership, 7,099; conversions, 213; contributions, \$3,977.23.

The report, as compared with the report of last year, is not as encouraging as we could wish. Twenty-three charges are still without the society. Junior Societies are comparatively rare. There is a slight increase in the number of conversions and in the financial exhibit. The membership shows a decrease of over 400, against an increase last year of 910.

The Editor of the *Protestant*, in answer to the question propounded some weeks since—"What has become of the Endeavor Societies of the Maryland Conference?" declared—if we remember rightly—"They are dead." Though this statement was somewhat modified afterward, the fact was still insisted on that the societies lack in many places the aggressive spirit of the Christian Endeavor movement. Loss of members alone is not an indication of this fact. Sometimes loss of members may mean growth in grace. But in this case it does not seem to be so. The time has come to rally the societies throughout the District.

We deplore the fact that for several years no denominational convention

has been held. The society, to be of use to us, must be a denominational society. These conventions are a necessity. They beget enthusiasm and foster church loyalty. We recommend that the proper authorities arrange for such a convention during the coming year, and that every pastor shall do his utmost to see that his charge is represented there.

We further suggest that the societies insist on the pledge, and faithfully purge their rolls of those who refuse to live up to it.

We view with special favor Dr. Clarke's suggestion for the observance of the "Quiet Hour," as a means of deepening spiritual life.

We again repeat the motto—"A Junior Society wherever there is a Sabbath School."

We recommend the continuance of the statistical record and the Conference Rally.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. BENSON, *Chairman.*

Report P.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL CHARACTER.

To the Maryland Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church :

Your Committee on Official Character would respectfully report that they have carefully examined the reports of the brethren, and as the result, submit the following items of information :

1. Quite a number report, that the pastors and stewards have not done what they could to furnish Disciplines for new members.

2. Many make no answer as to incorporation of Trustees.

3. Answers are given to the inquiry, as to the incorporation of Trustees, by the following charges, as follows : Pocomoke, not incorporated ; Lewistown, not incorporated ; Heathsville, one incorporated ; Warwick, not incorporated ; Reliance, not incorporated ; Fawn Grove, not incorporated ; Hurlock, one, others would not ; Frederick, one board trustees objects ; Fairfax, not incorporated ; Chincoteague, could not incorporate ; Greenwood, not incorporated ; Talbot, not incorporated ; Wye, not incorporated ; Deer Creek, not incorporated ; Union, churches would not allow ; Quantico, part incorporated ; Kent Island, not incorporated ; Franklin City, not all incorporated ; Bedford, trustees would not incorporate ; Deer Park, church would not incorporate ; Holly Run, part would not incorporate ; St. James', part incorporated ; Grove, not incorporated ; Pittsville, no, not desired ; Waltersville, no, error in manual.

Sixty-six charges failed to raise the assessments in full, but your committee is satisfied that the pastors have done their duty in this connection.

Rev. J. G. Sullivan is undecided as to the relation he desires for another year.

J. E. T. EWELL, *Chairman.*

Reports to the

Report Q.

REPORT OF THE HOME FOR THE AGED OF THE M. P. CHURCH.

WESTMINSTER, MD., April 11th, 1898.

Report of the Current Expenses and Receipts of the Home for the Aged, Westminster, Md., for the Year ending April 1st, 1898.

Total amount of cost in conducting the Home from April 1st, 1897, to April 1st, 1898.....	\$417 12
Total amount of receipts for same period.....	\$329 30
Cash on hand, April 1st, 1898.....	67 16
	396 46
Deficiency for the year.....	\$ 20 66

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. O. GRIMES,
President of the Board of Lady Managers.

The Treasurer submits the following report to April 1st, 1898:

Amount due on original indebtedness.....\$300 00

Note.—There is yet due on subscriptions possibly collectable, \$40.00; also \$185.00 for furnishing rooms, which the Board hopes will be taken by individuals or churches.

Amount to the credit of the permanent fund.....\$562 62

J. W. HERING, *Treasurer.*

WESTMINSTER, MD., April 11, 1898.

To the Maryland Annual Conference,

DEAR BRETHREN: The report of the Board of Lady Managers of our Church Home, herewith submitted, will show that the receipts from the churches during the past year were only 329.30, or about \$100 less than the amount necessary to conduct the Home. The reason for the small amount of contribution is the fact, that less than one-third of all the churches in the Maryland District, made any response at all to the needs of the institution. Some of our churches have done nobly, and I trust the Conference will impress upon all the churches the necessity of making an annual contribution to sustain this work. The Home is admirably conducted by the ladies who have it in charge. There are two regularly entered inmates, and another about to come. I hope the Conference will earnestly consider the needs of this good work, and that the churches will respond to the small demand made upon them to sustain it.

Sincerely,

J. W. HERING,
Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Report S.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions find pleasure in reporting a gratifying and growing interest in the work both in the home and foreign fields.

Rev. W. M. Strayer, President of the Board of Home Missions, reports that the work under the care of this Board shows general improvement. The expenses of the Board have been reduced \$1,100 this year, and the financial stress which so embarrassed the work twelve months ago and threatened disaster has been in a measure relieved. The Board asks that the sum of \$1,200 be assessed on the District for the support of its work. We call attention to the fact that this is \$200 less than the assessment of last year, and we urge that strenuous efforts be made to raise the full amount desired.

Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions, reports the work in the foreign field in a healthy and hopeful condition, and making progress in every department. The tone of all the letters from our missionaries is encouraging.

The Anglo-Japanese College property at Nagoya has recently been sold at a large advance over the purchase price, and a desirable piece of land secured in another and more favorable section of the city. This exchange of property appears in every way advantageous to our missions. It is especially gratifying to know that the receipts of the Board are increasing, and in the Maryland District the aggregate of the collections and receipts from Children's Day Services is largely in excess of the assessment. We are doing well, but we can do far better. The needs of the work already organized, and the open doors that invite us to other fields, demand that we stimulate and foster the spirit of missions in all our churches and seek to increase the offerings for this cause. We note with satisfaction that Children's Day is generally observed in this District, but we re-iterate the recommendation made last year, that "the careful observance of Children's Day is vitally important, and should be *universal*." The program prepared this year for this day appears to us to have special merit and to be well adapted for general use.

We again commend the labors of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, and urge our pastors to co-operate with the representatives of the Society in their efforts to organize an Auxilliary on each charge.

We commend to our Christian Endeavor Societies as a definite and worthy object toward which they may contribute their money, the support of Bible readers in heathen lands under the direction of the Women's Society.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. CROUSE, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF W. F. M. S.

We submit the following for year ending April 1, 1898. Our efforts have not met with the corresponding results of last year. We are not discouraged. "Press On" is our motto and on we will go:

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Reports to the,

Number of Auxiliaries.....	33
Number of Members.....	500
Scholarships supported....	8
Bible Reader ".....	1
Kindergarten ".....	1
Receipts to date about.....	\$1,100

Our financial statement is only partial; all receipts not having been sent in. The Y. P. S. C. E. have been faithful to our cause and rendered us valuable assistance. The Juniors in one or two instances are working in our interest. We thank them for their efforts, knowing God will ever keep and bless them, and hope others will step forward and lend a helping hand.

We are grateful to the brethren who have labored so faithfully for us. May we not ask *all* to not only speak but work for us?

May we see eye to eye in this great and glorious work for the Master, and grant this coming year each of us may accomplish some special work for the "heathen."

Respectfully,

MRS. HENRY HUPFIELD,

Cor. Sec'y Md. Br. W. F. M. S.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA BRANCH.

To the Annual Conference:

Total amount of money raised for all purposes for
the year ending March 31st, 1898.....\$172.03

The Society sends Greetings and ask God's blessing on the present session of the Conference.

MARY C. ONG, *Cor. Sec.*

Report T.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report:

The President's report of Western Maryland College, shows the same number of students in the College as was enrolled last year, but an increase in the number of boarding students; also an increase has been made in the number, variety and extent of the courses of study, in the supplemental courses of lectures, and in educational equipment.

The following gifts have come into the possession of the College during the year: the greater part of Dr. Ward's library; a part of the library of the late Rev. E. Y. Reese, D. D.; cases of books from Mrs. A. E. Maulsby and Mr. G. W. Albaugh, of Westminster; a microscope of high power from Mr. J. S. Topham, of Washington, D. C.; and \$1,000 from Mrs. Ulie Norment Hurley, of Washington, D. C., for the erection of a gateway to the College grounds as a memorial to her uncle, Dr. Ward.

Very important financial arrangements have been undertaken during the

year, the most novel of which was the issue of bonds to the amount of \$25,000, bearing interest at two per cent. per annum, redeemable in twenty years. This issue was designed to refund the present debt of ten thousand dollars, bearing interest at five per cent., and to provide money with which to finish Alumni Hall. The issue has not been entirely floated, but as only \$2,000 remain to be taken, the success of the effort seems to be assured.

The Legislature of Maryland, at its recent session, provided for the education of twenty-six additional students, and this may necessitate more building.

We note with special pride the order and earnestness of the school, its systematic religious work in its Sunday-school and Christian Associations, and the wide reputation the institution has won for its high moral tone.

The most pressing need of the College is endowment. Until a safe fund is secured, there can be no rest from anxiety, since circumstances that might decrease the number of students would seriously cripple the school.

We appeal to those of the Church who are able to do so, to remember the College with such generous gifts as shall remove the possibility of unfortunate conditions.

We have heard with much gratification the report of the year's work of the Westminster Theological Seminary under its new regime. We now have an attractive and comfortable home for its President, and the Seminary building and grounds have been greatly improved. There has been an increase in the number of students, and more are expected next year. We would suggest that those contemplating the ministry, and who are without collegiate training, spend as much time as possible in the College, prior to entering the Seminary. We are convinced that this plan should be adhered to strictly, so that the standard at the Seminary may be kept high. It is better that there should be fewer students in the Seminary properly qualified for its course, than that there should be a larger number without such qualification.

We urge that pastors use their influence as far as consistent in helping young men to a decision to enter the ministry. Proper interest and words of encouragement may often prove the means of influencing a young man who otherwise would never come to a decision, and the experience of many now in the ministry proves the truth of this.

We recognize that the present plan for raising funds for the institution will cripple it materially, unless pastors succeed in raising the amount assessed upon their charges. There is a deficit this year of \$217, and about half of what was raised was not sent in until the session of Conference. The assessments should not only be raised in full, but they should be sent to the Seminary as early in the year as possible. We cannot make this too much a matter of conscience and duty, as the success of the institution financially is so much in our hands.

We wish to acknowledge the gift of Mr. E. J. Hill, of Washington, D. C., of \$2,500; \$1,000 from Mr. Henry Swope, and other smaller gifts, making the present endowment about \$4,500.

As in the case of the College, we commend the Seminary to the generosity of those who are able to contribute toward the enlargement of its endowment.

We wish also to congratulate President Elderdice and those associated with him, on the success they have achieved, and to assure them of our hearty sympathy in every thing they may undertake, to increase the usefulness and influence of the Seminary.

We recommend that the request of the Board of Governors for the loan of Rev. H. L. Elderdice and Rev. B. F. Benson for another year, be granted.

The present status and prospects of the Kansas City University have been presented for our consideration. Although some of the more sanguine hopes of those most closely connected with this new enterprise have not been realized, yet sufficient progress has been made to enlist the full sympathy and co-operation of the entire church. Misgivings and adverse criticisms can do only harm. The largest moral and financial support should be given.

A safe estimate places the present par value assets of the institution at \$116,000, and the financial outlook promises much; and it is another sign of encouragement that so many students have been enrolled during the short period of the school's existence.

One great drawback is the lack of general interest. The institution is still too much a local enterprise and not one of the whole church, uniting us in a great effort to accomplish a great object. Those who have given generously and who stand ready to give more largely, feel keenly this lack of interest, and should it continue, opportunities upon which much dependence is now placed, may be lost.

We would call attention to the endorsement of the institution by the General Conference, and to its recommendation that collections be taken throughout the church to aid this undertaking.

Certainly the \$6,000 still to be raised by the first of June, to secure a gift of \$10,000 ought to be gotten at once.

We wish to express our high appreciation of the generous support given the institution by Mr. H. J. Heinz and others, and of their noble purpose in thus giving of their time and means in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom.

We recommend:

1. That the first Sunday in September be devoted to presenting to all our churches, the educational institutions and interests of the church, the character of the services being determined by each pastor.

2. We commend to the churches of the Maryland District, Rev. R. B. Whitehead, and authorize him to present the interests of the Kansas City University wherever he may be invited to do so.

J. D. KINZER, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary make the following report to the Conference:

One year ago special attention was given to this Institution in our Annual Session. It was reorganized, a new Faculty was selected, and new plans were made for its support and growth. The Conference seemed to appreciate the

vital importance of the Seminary to the welfare of the Church, and cordially endorsed the plans formulated by the Board.

We are pleased to report at the end of one year, that the work in the Seminary has gone forward harmoniously, with many evidences of encouragement and hope for the future.

Dr. T. H. Lewis, Dr. J. W. Reese and Dr. L. W. Bates have been associated in the Faculty with President H. L. Elderdice and Professor B. F. Benson, and the course of study as arranged by the Board has been regularly and faithfully pursued.

Ten students have been enrolled during the year, and the hope is indulged that this number will be greatly increased next year. It is the purpose of the Board and the Faculty, to give the students admitted there, as thorough preparation in mental training and acquired knowledge, as they are capable of receiving, or as the means at their command will permit. We appreciate the fact that a broader culture, and thorough equipment for the Ministry, are to-day demanded in young men, and every reasonable effort will be made to have them take the full course of instruction.

The Board has built during the year, a residence for the President on the Seminary grounds, which cost \$2,426.77. It is an attractive and comfortable house, and has now been occupied by him for six months. The money to build it was drawn from the endowment fund, and interest on it will have to be paid annually, to the current expenses of the Seminary.

The appearance of the Seminary building and grounds has been greatly improved. The former has been painted outside and inside. Many rooms have been furnished by individuals and churches in the District.

The President has collected and expended on these things \$1,217.30. He has spent most of the Sabbaths of the year among the churches of this Conference, preaching for the pastors, and collecting money for the Institution. He has also visited North Carolina, West Virginia, New Jersey and New York Conferences, to enlist their co-operation, and has received from patronizing Conferences outside of Maryland \$358.51.

The Maryland Conference has paid to the date of the opening of this session \$777.35, leaving more than one thousand dollars still due the Institution from our charges. If this is paid we will be able to meet our obligations.

We believe the results of the year's work will fully justify the wisdom of the new departure made a year ago.

If the Maryland Conference will meet the Seminary assessments made a year ago, and continue the same for a year or two, with the support which we now may reasonably expect from other Conferences, we see nothing in the way of growth and great usefulness to the Seminary.

Will not the Conference put this matter of financial support beyond question?

We respectfully ask the Conference to assign Rev. H. L. Elderdice and Rev. B. F. Benson, to work in the Seminary for another year.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

APRIL 11, 1898.

To the Maryland Annual Conference,

DEAR BRETHREN: I here present my twelfth annual report as President of the Western Maryland College.

The past year shows a gratifying increase in the number of boarding students, although the number of total enrollment is exactly the same as last year, 251. Increase has also been felt in the number, variety and extent of our courses of study; in the supplemental courses of lectures, which have this year for the first time extended over two terms of the year, and in educational equipment, in which we have made some important additions.

I take pleasure in acknowledging the following gifts which have come into our possession this year: The greater part of Dr. Ward's Library, about 2,500 volumes; about 150 volumes from the Library of the late Rev. E. Y. Reese, D. D.; cases of books costing \$200 each, from Mrs. A. E. Maulsby and Mr. G. W. Albaugh, both of Westminster; a microscope of superior power, imported at a cost of \$150, through the beneficence of Mr. J. S. Topham, of Washington, D. C., and \$1,000 given by Mrs. Ulie Norment Hurley, of Washington, D. C., to erect a gateway to the College grounds as a Memorial to her uncle, Dr. Ward.

Very important financial arrangements have been undertaken during the year, the most novel of which was the issue of bonds to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, bearing interest at two per cent. per annum, redeemable in twenty years. This issue was designed to refund the present debt of ten thousand dollars bearing interest at five per cent., and to provide the money with which to finish Alumni Hall. The issue has not been entirely floated, but as only \$2,000 remain to be taken the success of the effort seems to be assured.

I am happy to report that the Legislature of Maryland at its recent session provided for the education of twenty-six additional students at the College. This will perhaps involve more building, as our present accommodations are scarcely more than sufficient for the present school.

The order and earnestness of the school, and consequently its reputation, were never better than at present. The President preaches in Baker Chapel every Sunday evening; a flourishing Sunday School, composed entirely of students, meets every Sunday morning, and the systematic work of the Christian Associations, both among the young men and young women, all tend to produce a condition of Christian sentiment and helpfulness found, we believe, in few colleges. In these days, when so much is being said of dissipation among college students, I rejoice to be able to invite the most rigid scrutiny of our own College. We stand, as we have always stood, for a clean education among Christian conditions.

In every respect, therefore, our outlook is most encouraging. But we have not yet reached our limit of usefulness, nor the point where we may rest from anxiety. It must be remembered that as long as we have no endowment

every season is a question to be answered for life or death. If we have no students, we have no income. I look to the brethren of this Conference, as I have looked heretofore, and not in vain, for co-operation in bringing the school to the attention of parents.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS.

REPORT OF MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY OF MARYLAND
ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

BALTIMORE, April 8th, 1898.

The Maryland Educational Endowment Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of Baltimore City respectfully reports in accordance with its charter:

1st. That it is officially informed by the President of the Western Maryland College that the sum of ten thousand dollars, for which the Society waived its mortgage April 12th, 1895, has been paid.

2nd. That, in order to secure bonds issued by the College for completion of improvements, in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, ten of which were expended in releasing the former loan for that sum, this Society waived its mortgage for the purpose herein named this 8th day of April, 1898.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. KINZER, *President.*

E. J. DRINKHOUSE, *Secretary.*

Report U.

REPORT OF GROWTH OF THE M. P. CHURCH.

WHEREAS, The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church is now holding its Seventieth Annual Session, having been organized in St. John's Church, Baltimore, April 2nd, 1829, with 10 preachers, no members, no property, and much persecution; and now comprising 145 preachers, 365 churches and parsonages, more than 25,000 members and nearly 30,000 Sunday-School scholars and officers; and,

WHEREAS, This Conference in the seventy years of its existence has employed 375 preachers in its itinerant ministry, has received into church fellowship more than 87,000 persons, and has raised for evangelical purposes \$4,441 279; and,

WHEREAS, In the last fifteen years—the only period of accurate record—we have lost by withdrawal 4,430 members and received from other churches 5,733 members; and we have lost by withdrawal 11 preachers and received into the itinerancy 92 preachers; and,

WHEREAS, It appears from an examination of our Minutes that the last ten years have been the most prosperous in our history, since in that time we have made a net increase in membership of 42 per cent.; in Sunday-School scholars and officers of 42 per cent.; in itinerants of 23 per cent.; in the value

of church property of 36 per cent.; in the amount raised for church expenses of 58 per cent., and for pastors' salaries of 35 per cent.; and,

WHEREAS, We now own church property free from debt to the amount of \$1,100,000, and annually pay \$193,595, or \$8 per member, for the support of the church; to our pastors an average salary in money and house rent of of \$631 a year; besides providing a fund of nearly \$100,000 to guarantee relief to superannuated preachers, their widows and orphans; and,

WHEREAS, The incontestable signs of a true, holy and apostolic church are still being wrought among us in that the number of conversions under our ministry were 50 per cent. greater last year than they were ten years ago, and also in that during that period 27,000 souls have been brought from the world to God through our instrumentality, or an average of twenty-seven (27) annually for every laborer we have sent into the harvest; and,

WHEREAS, We are only one of the 48 Annual Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church, covering the United States with a membership of nearly 200,000; sending out to annual appointments 2,500 ministers and preachers; having our representatives holding up the cross to the heathen world; church property to the value of \$4,525,000; colleges and seminaries, church periodicals, and all the material equipment of a progressive church; therefore,

Resolved, That in this retrospect of the past seventy years of our existence as a church we find unmistakable evidence of the good hand of our God upon us for blessing and abundance, and we would raise our hearts in thankfulness that this period of the full age allotted to man finds our beloved Church with no indications of feebleness or decay, but according to God's gracious promise renewing her youth as the eagle, able to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint.

Resolved, That while we confess our unfaithfulness in that we have not done our whole duty, nor accepted fully and courageously our opportunities; and while we would pray for humility that we may not indulge in invidious comparisons with other churches, nor seem to exalt ourselves above measure, yet we would be untrue to reason and unmindful of mercy to doubt that the fact of our history prove that our principles, our polity and our labors have been blessed of God and accepted by men to a degree unsurpassed by any Church of this century.

Resolved, That with humble gratitude to Almighty God for His great goodness, and with unabating charity to all other Christian Churches, whom we hail in God's name as brethren beloved, we renew our vows of love and fidelity to our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Methodist Protestant Church, praying that as we have been graciously used in the past for the working out of great and noble results, so the coming years may find us still faithful to our trust and joyful in our faith, waiting for our great Shepherd and Bishop to lead us in His paths and teach us of His ways and give us His work to do in the church to which we have pledged our time, our service and our unswerving loyalty.

Resolved, That these exceptional circumstances suggest the propriety of

emphasizing them by appropriate recognition in the churches throughout this District; that with this in view the second Sunday in November—the anniversary of the meeting of the first General Convention in which the organization of the Maryland Conference was suggested—be fixed as the day in which to celebrate our Seventieth Anniversary; and that the President be requested to appoint a committee of three to prepare a suitable program.

T. H. LEWIS.

Report V.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE STEWARD 1898.

GENERAL INTERESTS.

	Assessed.	Paid.	Comparative Table.	
			Increase over 1897.	Decrease from 1897.
Bible Cause.....		\$ 431.58		\$ 38.29
Tract Cause.....		417.84		35.50
Incidental Exp. of Conf.	\$ 376.00	300.17	\$ 9.02	
Ministerial Education....	595.00	840.85		12.04
Theological Seminary...	1,874.00	1,582.98	193.43	
Superannuates.....	3,978.00	3,021.93	190.50	
Church Extension.....	4,150.00	3,021.60		174.52
General Home Missions..	1,415.00	1,129.09	65.92	
Foreign Missions.....	2,830.00	1,771.63	293.84	
Special for Foreign Miss.		4,171.66		73.75
President's Salary.....	2,351.00	2,337.75	5.47	
Total.....	\$17,569.00	\$19,027.08	\$758.18	\$334.10

Net Increase over 1897 for General Interests\$424.08

LOCAL INTERESTS.

	Assessed.	Paid.	Comparative Table.	
			Increase over 1897.	Decrease from 1897.
Pastor's Salaries.....	\$67,145.34	\$66,591.75		\$ 210.15
Rental Value of Pars'ages.....		11,680.06	\$3,168.06	
Current Expenses.....		34,497.71	166.32	
Building & Improvements.....		37,432.71		10,764.15
Paid on Debt.....		16,381.21	3,791.67	
Special.....		1,698.14		924.92
Totals.....	\$67,145.34	\$168,281.58	\$7,126.05	\$11,899.22

Decrease in the amount of money raised during this year,
for Local Purposes, as compared with 1897.....\$ 4,482.40

Total amount of money raised during the year for all pur-
poses..... 187,308.66

The receipts of this year for all purposes, as compared with the receipts of

last year, 1897, shows a remarkably small decrease of \$4,048.30, which decrease is to be accounted for by the falling off in Building and Improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS RANDALL, *Conference Steward.*

Report W.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

Your Committee on Benevolent Agencies, after careful investigation, and the receipt of various financial reports, beg leave to submit the following:

During the past year, the sum of \$431.38 has been collected for the Maryland Bible Society. Of this amount, \$200 was contributed by Mrs. T. A. Reese, \$10 by Chatsworth Independent Church, and the balance by the Maryland District. The contribution of Mrs. Reese being made during the interim of Conference session, the names of persons constituted life members by her, will appear in the report of said Society. For the balance of the amount, we present the names of Revs. H. L. Elderdice, A. S. Beane, A. N. Ward and G. R. Hodge, to be made Life Directors; and that of Rev. L. A. Bennett, to be constituted a Life Member.

2. We further report, that for the Maryland Tract Society, there has been collected during the past year the sum of \$417.09. Of this amount Mrs. T. A. Reese contributed \$200, and presents the following names to be made Life Directors—Edward Reisler, Howard Gorsuch, Wm. G. Ball and Rev. A. W. Mather. For the remainder, that of \$217.09, we present the following names to be likewise constituted Life Directors—Revs. A. Donovan, G. F. Faring, F. C. Klein and B. F. Jester.

3. We most heartily commend the spirit and letter of the President's report, under the caption of "Benevolent Agencies," and hope the contributions from the Maryland District will be continued and increased.

We have read with pleasure the reports of the Corresponding Secretaries and Agents of the Maryland Tract and Bible Societies—Rev. J. T. Murray, D. D., and Rev. R. W. Todd—and we most sincerely commend to the Conference, members and friends of the church throughout the District, these Societies, and the continued co-operation with their agents.

In addition to the sum already named as collected for the Tract Society, Dr. J. T. Murray has contributed the sum of \$96.

Respectfully, your committee,

F. H. MULLINEAUX, *Chairman.*

Report X.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONARY STEWARD

FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 6, 1898.

Paid on Assessment.....	\$1,771 63
Children's Day.....	2,569 28
W. F. M. S.....	1,204 11

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Special.....	328 22
Sunday School.....	70 05
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Total.....	\$ 5,943 29
Total for year ending April 6, 1897.....	5,733 20
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Increase in total over last year.....	\$ 210 09

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. WARD, *Steward.*

Report Y.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL STEWARD

FOR THE YEAR 1897-8.

Seminary.

Amount Assessed on the District.....	\$1,858 00
“ Paid.....	1,582 98
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Deficit.....	\$ 275 02

Ministerial Education.

Amount Assessed.....	\$603 00
“ Paid.....	515 82
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Deficit.....	\$ 87 18

Itemized account will appear in the report of the Conference Steward; where it will be noticed, also, that in addition to the amount named above as paid to the Board of Ministerial Education, the St. John's Board of Benevolence gave \$325 for the education of two young men at Westminster. The collections have been turned over—in the case of the Seminary, to President Elderdice, and that for Ministerial Education, to Secretary Berrien.

WM. H. LITSINGER, *Educational Steward.*

Report Z.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance would respectfully report:

1. The havoc wrought by the use of intoxicating liquors upon the material and spiritual interests—(body and soul)—of the people of our land is fearful, despite the efforts made to rescue the perishing and protect the threatened.

2. Notwithstanding there exists everywhere evidence of the havoc so wrought, indifference rests like a pall upon many communities, and upon many individuals in all communities.

3. The labors of temperance people to secure possession of the law-making power of this State by the use of the elective franchise have not yet been successful; hence laws exist allowing for a consideration in money, paid to

the State under the name of "a license fee," the sale of intoxicants from which the evils deplored proceed.

4. Though in some parts of this State local-option privilege has been in the past obtained through action of the Legislature, yet two bills, styled respectively *The Local Option Bill* and *The Neighborhood Option Bill*, designed to give local-option privileges throughout the State, which bills were recommended by "representative citizens of all faiths (Protestant, Roman Catholic and Hebrew), and of three political parties (Republican, Democratic and Prohibition)," and were favorably received by members of the Legislature at its late session, and probably would have been passed if they had been reported in time, and opportunely furnished, were not passed.

The effort to secure the passage of these bills will be renewed at the next session of the Legislature, and those who have the matter in hand are hopeful.

5. The new Constitution of Delaware makes it possible and comparatively easy to obtain local-option privileges.

In view of the foregoing facts your committee recommends the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, 1st. That we recommend to all persons total abstinence from the use, as a beverage, of spirituous and malt liquors, wine and cider; and urge the exercise of social influence to this end.

Resolved, 2nd. That we recommend that pastors hold in each church upon their respective charges at least one non-partisan meeting every year in the interest of temperance, the program of exercises to include religious song and supplication.

Resolved, 3rd. That the Conference would give emphatic expression to its belief, that the Gospel of Christ applied by the Holy Spirit is the great and effective agency for the suppression of intemperance, as of all other moral evils.

Resolved, 4th. That the rescue of inebriates and the protection of such persons as have not fallen under the blighting influence of the drink habit demand the earnest, prayerful and persevering efforts of our ministers and people; and we urgently commend this work to their consideration.

Resolved, 5th. That the Conference utters its profound conviction that men should exercise the right of suffrage in view of their accountability to God, with paramount regard to the public good and should never allow themselves to be influenced by partisan considerations in opposition thereto.

Resolved, 6th. That, recognizing the truth that the government of this country was intended to be "a government of the people, by the people and for the people;" but, led to the conclusion that many persons, some of whom are in official life, have forgotten this truth or are indifferent to it, acting as if it were a government of the saloon, by the saloon, and for the saloon, we call upon all the friends of popular institutions to insist upon the enactment of laws which will enable the people to determine for themselves in their respective localities whether or not license shall be issued for the sale of intoxicating liquors therein.

Resolved, 7th. That we recommend the election to our State Legislatures of candidates whose characters give assurance that they will not attempt to defeat the will of the people.

Resolved, 8th. That it is the judgment of the Conference that Christian citizens should not only beseech God for the destruction of the growing evil—the liquor traffic—in our midst, but should cast their suffrages against its legal perpetuation.

Resolved, 9th. That we commend to the hearty co-operation of our people all societies having for their object the propagation of temperance principles and the overthrow of the liquor traffic.

Resolved, 10th. That we urge our ministers and people in the State of Delaware to avail themselves of the facilities afforded by its Constitution to rid that State of the saloon.

Your committee further recommends that the Conference accept the invitation extended to it, to elect two delegates to The National Anti-Saloon Convention, to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, December, 1898, if it can make provision to defray the expenses of the delegates.

Resolved, That the Temperance Anniversary be held on Tuesday evening preceding the first day of session of next Conference. Speakers to be appointed by the President.

JAMES T. LASSELL, *Chairman*.

Report AA.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Your Committee on Statistics would respectfully submit the following report :

We have carefully examined the reports of pastors, and from the data thus furnished have the following facts and figures tabulated :

PROPERTY STATISTICS.

Number of appointments, 292—increase, 12 ; Churches, 283—increase, 5½ ; Parsonages, 89—increase, 2 ; Church papers, 2,012—increase, 49 ; Sunday School papers, 20,391—increase, 1,160 ; Volumes in Library, 25,452—increase, 28 ; Value Church Property, \$1,254,185—increase, \$47,154 ; Amount of Debt, \$117,219.28—decrease, \$3,052.31.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS.

Number Unstationed Ministers and Preachers, 76—increase, 3 ; Probationers, 1,960—decrease, 130 ; Full Members, 21,663—decrease, 409 ; Probationers received during the year, 1,999—decrease, 397 ; Elected to Membership, 1,508—decrease, 83 ; Withdrawn by Certificate, 23—increase, 13 ; Discontinued, 468—increase, 42 ; Deceased, 23—decrease, 1 ; On Roll, 1,751.

Full Members :—Received from Probation, 1,535—decrease, 104 ; Received by Certificate, 576—increase, 160 ; Withdrawn by Certificate, 328—decrease, 63 ; Discontinued, 1,120—decrease, 104 ; Deceased, 234—decrease, 61.

Baptisms :—Adults, 219—decrease, 93 ; Infants, 1,679—increase, 124 ; Sabbath Schools, 268½—increase, 5 ; Officers and Teachers, 3,672—increase, 186 ;

Scholars Received, 3,962—increase, 358; On Roll, 25,775—increase, 575; Conversions in School, 683—increase, 193; Conversions in Congregation, 2,223—increase, 223.

J. W. PARRIS, *Chairman*.

Report BB.

REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION STEWARD.

*Summary of Church Extension Steward to the Maryland Annual Conference,
M. P. Church, April 13th, 1898.*

Amount Assessed on the District.....	\$3 904 61
Appropriated for 1897-1898.....	\$2,910 00
Back Pay.....	1,084 61
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FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION.

From Assessment	\$3,021 60
“ Annual Dues.....	102 00
“ Anniversary.....	43 60
“ T. H. Bartlett, above receipts.....	25 00
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LESS AMOUNT PAID.

Baltimore City Church Extension Society.....	550 00
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Amount to be distributed.....	\$2,642 20
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DEFICIENCIES AT LAST CONFERENCE.

Parksley—E. D. Stone.....	\$ 70 28
Chincoteague—H. E. Bennington.....	35 14
Patapsco	30 46
Queen Anne—J. M. Brown.....	23 42
Quantico—H. S. Johnson.....	46 85
2d Church, Wilmington—G. A. Morris.....	35 14
Potomac—J. W. Norris.....	35 14
Fairfax—H. F. Wright.....	46 85
1st Church, Wilmington—G. L. Wolf.....	23 42
Hurlock—G. M. Clayton.....	35 14
Frederica—W. O. Livingston.....	46 85
Mardela—A. H. Green.....	35 14
Dover—T. P. Revelle.....	93 70
Reliance—A. J. Walter.....	23 42
St. Michaels—W. S. Phillips.....	23 42
Christ's Church—W. H. Litsinger.....	93 70
Wye—B. F. Benson.....	46 85
Crumpton—J. G. Sullivan.....	46 85
Middleway—F. L. Stephens.....	70 30
N. Baltimore—A. N. Ward.....	93 70

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Baltimore—T. H. Wright.....	35 14	
Evergreen—N. O. Gibson.....	93 70	
		<hr/> 1,084 61

Balance for Distribution, April 13th, 1898..... \$1,557 59

<i>Mission.</i>	<i>Promised.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>	<i>Due.</i>
Campbell	\$ 50 00	\$ 31 02	\$ 18 98
Christ Church.....	250 00	155 10	94 90
Crumpton.....	50 00	31 02	18 98
Chincoteague.....	75 00	46 54	28 46
Evergreen.....	200 00	124 08	75 92
Fairfax	75 00	46 54	28 46
Frederica.....	75 00	46 54	28 46
1st Church, Wilmington.....	100 00	62 05	37 95
Hurlocks.....	70 00	43 43	26 57
Mardela.....	75 00	46 54	28 46
Middleway.....	100 00	62 05	37 95
N. Baltimore.....	250 00	155 10	94 90
Parksley.....	150 00	93 06	56 94
Powellville.....	50 00	31 02	18 98
Potomac	75 00	46 54	28 46
Quantico.....	100 00	62 05	37 95
Queen Anne... ..	40 00	24 82	15 18
Reliance	50 00	31 02	18 98
Seaford.....	50 00	31 02	18 98
2d Church, Wilmington.....	75 00	46 54	28 46
Talbot.....	50 00	31 02	18 98
Wye.....	100 00	62 05	37 95
Baltimore Church Extension Society...	200 00	124 08	75 92
Conference Evangelist.....	200 00	124 08	75 92
	<hr/> \$2,510 00	<hr/> \$1,557 31	<hr/> \$952 69

Total Amount for Distribution..... \$1,557 59

“ “ Distributed 1,557 31

Balance in hand..... 28

Percentum, .6205.

AVERY DONOVAN, *Steward.*

Report CC.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

YRS.

Accomac.....	Avery Donovan, 3.
Amelia.....	F. L. Stevens, 1.
Alexandria.....	T. P. Revelle, 1.

Alnutt Memorial.....	J. M. Holmes, 2.
Baltimore.....	T. H. Wright, 4.
Bedford.....	H. L. Schlinke, 3.
Belair.....	S. B. Tredway, 3. (One to be supplied).
Bethel.....	To be supplied.
Broadway.....	F. H. Lewis, 5.
Bethany.....	G. W. Hines, 1.
Brooklyn.....	J. L. Mills, 1.
Beaver Dam.....	G. R. Donaldson, 1.
Cambridge.....	G. Q. Bacchus, 2.
Caroline.....	H. W. D. Johnson, 3; C. E. Dryden, 2.
Campbell.....	W. A. Melvin, 3.
Cecil.....	A. W. Mather, 3.
Central, (Washington).....	D. L. Greenfield, 2.
Centreville.....	F. T. Benson, 1.
Chesapeake.....	C. K. McCaslin, 4.
Chestertown.....	J. M. Gill, 3.
Christ Church, (Baltimore).....	W. H. Litsinger, 3.
Clayton.....	J. E. Nicholson, 2.
Concord.....	Elmer Simpson, 2.
Conquest.....	A. J. Walter, 2.
Crisfield.....	G. W. Haddaway, 1.
Crumpton.....	G. D. Edmonston, 2.
Cumberland.....	J. M. Yingling, 2.
Chincoteague.....	H. E. Bennington, 2.
Delmar.....	J. L. Straughn, 2.
Deer Creek.....	H. S. Johnson, 1.
Deer Park.....	G. J. Hill, 2.
Delta.....	C. E. McCullough, 2.
Dorchester.....	J. A. Wright, 2.
Dover and Leipsic.....	Louis Randall, 2.
East Baltimore.....	J. M. Sheridan, 4.
Easton.....	W. M. Poisal, 4.
Elizabeth.....	J. W. Trout, 6.
Eutaw.....	W. S. Philips, 2.
Evergreen.....	To be supplied.
Fairfax.....	H. F. Wright, 3.
Fawn Grove.....	J. T. Lassell, 3.
Fairview.....	J. M. Dickey, 1.
Finksburg.....	S. W. Coe, 6.
First Church, (Washington).....	J. W. Gray, 2.
Fox Hill.....	G. H. Stocksdales, 2.
Franklin City.....	J. W. Parris, 1.
Frederick.....	G. F. Farring, 6.
Felton.....	E. B. Taylor, 3.
Frederica.....	W. O. Livingston, 3.

Georgetown, D. C.	W. S. Hammond,	3.
Georgetown, Del.	J. H. S. Ewell,	5.
Georgetown Circuit.	To be supplied.	
Grove.	W. B. Judefind,	2.
Greenwood.	A. S. Beane,	2.
Hampden.	W. J. Neepier,	2.
Harper's Ferry.	B. B. James,	2.
Harrington.	T. O. Crouse,	1.
Heathsville.	C. S. Arnett, 2.	(One to be supplied).
Howard.	W. D. Litsinger,	1.
Hurlocks.	G. M. Clayton,	3.
Holly Run.	G. R. Hodge,	1.
Jefferson.	W. M. Strayer,	7.
Kennedyville.	J. H. Daugherty,	1.
Kemptown.	C. M. Cullum,	1.
Kent Island.	E. S. Fooks,	3.
Indian River.	To be supplied.	
Laurel.	F. C. Klein,	4.
Lewistown.	H. E. Nelson,	1.
Liberty.	W. J. Floyd,	1.
Lisbon.	B. P. Truitt,	3.
Lynchburg.	E. A. Warfield,	4.
Mardela.	W. R. McKnett,	1.
Mariner's.	L. A. Bennett,	2.
Middleway.	A. H. Green,	1.
Millville.	To be supplied.	
Milton.	C. H. Littleton,	1.
Mount Tabor.	Emanuel Pearce,	1.
Mount Nebo.	F. S. Cain,	1.
Marley.	To be supplied.	
Newark, New Jersey.	L. R. Dyott,	9.
North Carolina Avenue, (Washington).	R. S. Rowe,	1.
New Market.	S. F. Cassen,	3.
North Baltimore.	A. N. Ward,	3.
Oxford.	J. W. Balderston,	3.
Oak Grove and Prince George.	A. A. Harryman,	1.
Parksley.	E. D. Stone,	3.
Pipe Creek.	B. W. Kindley,	2.
Pittsville.	E. O. Ewing,	2.
Pocomoke.	G. J. Smith,	2.
Pocomoke City.	J. D. Kinzer,	2.
Powellville.	G. A. Morris,	2.
Patapsco.	To be supplied.	
Payson Street.	Edgar T. Reed,	1.
Potomac.	J. W. Norris,	5.
Quantico.	A. A. Bichell,	1.

Queen Anne's.....	C. P. Nowlin, 2.
Reliance.....	A. D. Dick, 2.
Rowlandsville	J. E. Maloy, 5.
Remington.....	H. O. Keen, 4.
St. James'.....	E. C. Makosky, 1.
St. John's, (Canton).....	J. L. Ward, 1.
St. Luke's.....	J. B. Jones, 2.
St. Michael's.....	S. A. Hoblitzell, 2.
Salisbury.....	L. F. Warner, 3.
Seaford.....	S. J. Smith, 2.
Snow Hill.....	Dorsey Blake, 2.
Salem.....	R. K. Lewis, 3.
South Baltimore.....	J. E. T. Ewell, 3.
Starr.....	F. T. Little, 10.
Stewartstown.....	J. L. Elderdice, 1.
Susquehanna.....	F. H. Mullineaux, 3.
Sussex.....	G. R. McCready, 3.
Talbot.....	C. L. Daugherty, 2.
Trinity.....	D. W. Anstine, 3.
Union.....	B. F. Jester, 2.
Union Bridge.....	J. J. Murray, 8.
Violetsville.....	To be supplied.
Waltersville.....	N. O. Gibson, 1.
Warwick.....	W. W. White, 2.
Waverly.....	J. F. Bryan, 1.
West Baltimore	J. W. Kirk, 6.
Westminster.....	W. R. Graham, 3.
Williamsport.....	To be supplied.
Wilmington.....	G. L. Wolfe, 3.
West, Wilmington.....	F. A. Holland, 2.
Wye.....	J. F. Wooden, 1.

President Western Maryland College—T. H. Lewis, 13.

President Theological Seminary—H. L. Elderdice, 2.

Professor in Seminary—B. F. Benson, 2.

Editor *Methodist Protestant*—F. T. Tagg, 7.

Conference Evangelist—J. McLain Brown, 2.

LOANED.

Board of Foreign Missions—E. H. Vandyke, 9.

St. John's, Baltimore—J. S. Bowers, 8.

Maryland Tract Society—J. T. Murray, 9.

Left without an appointment at his request—Q. L. Morrow, 1.

Superannuates—J. W. Everist, 31; S. B. Southerland, 14; H. J. Day, 29; J. A. Weigand, 10; W. J. D. Lucas, 7; J. L. Kilgore, 7; W. A. Crouse, 6; H. C. Cushing, 4; W. G. Holmes, 4; L. W. Bates, 2; Jesse Shreeve, 1; R. L. Lewis, 1; J. G. Sullivan, 1.

Supernumeraries—E. J. Drinkhouse, David Wilson.

Report DD.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL
CONFERENCE.**

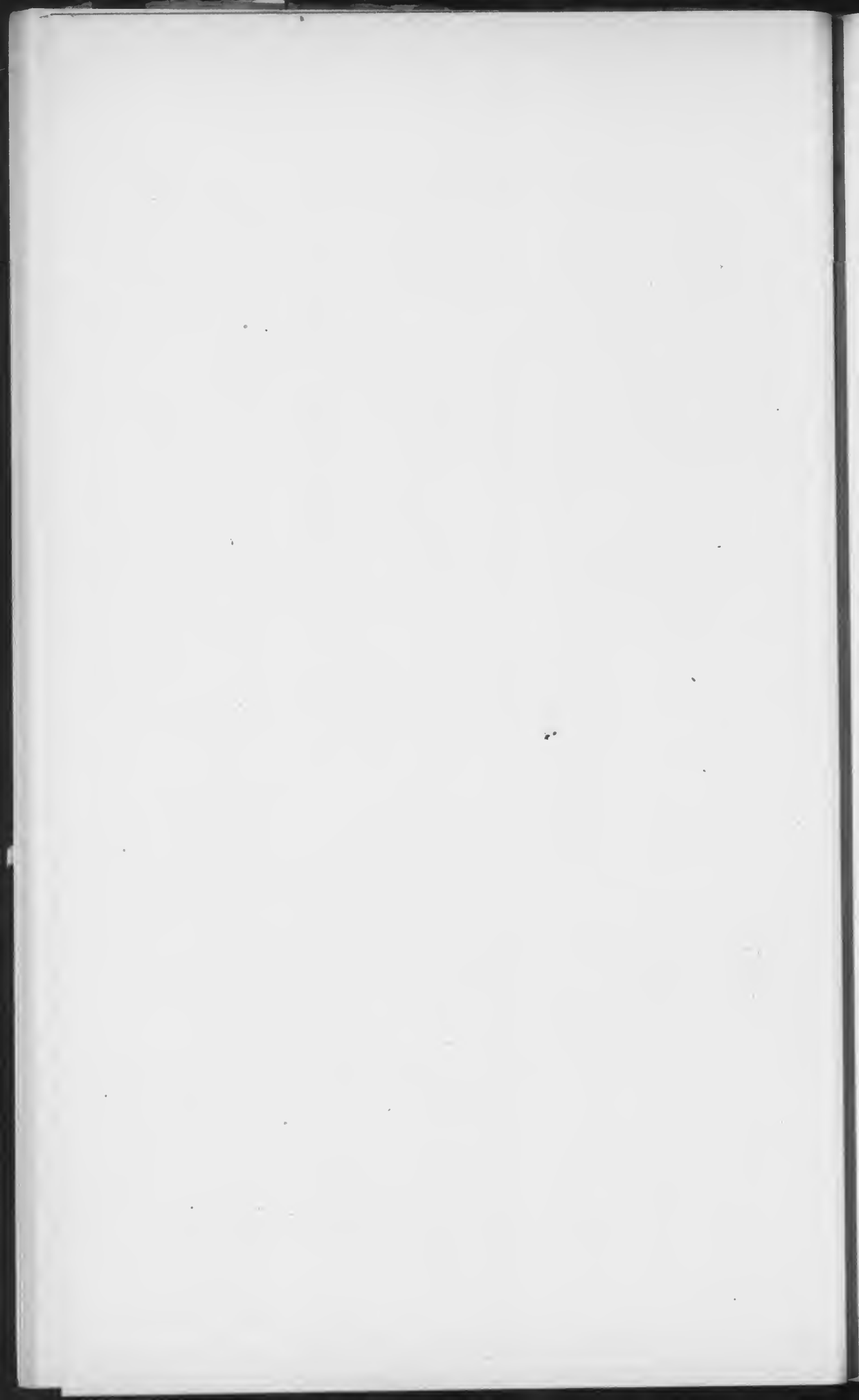
We report that the present trustees are: J. D. Kinzer, A. W. Mather, Daniel Baker and John G. Clarke, whose term expires in 1900.

J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Roland Watts and T. A. Murray, whose term expires in 1899.

F. T. Little, S. J. Smith, Joseph H. Elliott and C. A. Benjamin, whose term expires in 1898.

We recommend that two ministers and two laymen be elected to fill the vacancy.

J. L. MILLS, *President of the Board.*



RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution 1.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be requested to send the greetings of the Conference to Rev. J. W. Everest and assure him that we regret his absence in our Conference Session.

L. W. BATES.

Resolution 2.

Resolved, That the Missionary Steward have a column in his report to show the contributions from our Sunday Schools to Foreign Missions, that they may properly appear in the Conference Minutes.

FRED. C. KLEIN.

Resolution 3.

Resolved, That the Steward of the Church Extension Society of this Conference be and is hereby authorized to pay to the Treasurer of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society that pro rata of the sum of \$200, which said Baltimore City Church Extension Society furnished Christ Church, Baltimore, in its emergency.

JNO. S. BOWERS.

Resolution 4.

Resolved, That we are deeply concerned about the grave questions now threatening a disturbance of the peace of our country; that we deprecate the dreadful evils of war, and pray that our merciful God will spare us this awful scourge.

Resolved, That we will pray that the God of all peace will guide the President and the Congress in such counsels and the adoption of such measures as will lead to a peaceful adjustment of the question between this country and Spain.

J. T. MURRAY.

Resolution 5.

Resolved, To amend Rule XXVIII. of Manual by striking out all after "sermon."

T. H. LEWIS.

Resolution 6.

WHEREAS, There being such a confused idea prevailing among many of the brethren of the Conference relative to the foot-note, found on the financial

sheet, which reads,—“Where no Assessment has been made, as for Bible, Building, &c., insert the same figures under “Assessed” and “Paid,” and because of other features, more or less confusing,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference, the Chairman of the Committee on Statistics, Conference Steward and the Chairman of the Committee on Christian Endeavor Work, be appointed a Committee to draft a new blank for Pastor's Annual Reports to the Conference, and report at the next session of this body, April, 1899.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS RANDALL, *Conference Steward*.

Resolution 7.

To the Maryland Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church:

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of Snow Hill charge, at its session held March 29th, 1898,

Resolved, That Coal Spring and Box Iron Churches be placed in the hands of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference, for sale or disposal in any manner according to their judgment.

C. W. SHOCKLEY, *Delegate*.

DORSEY BLAKE, *Pastor*.

Resolution 8.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a rule for the election of Delegates, in accordance with the power conferred upon Annual Conferences on page 75 of the Discipline, and report at the next session of Conference, and that J. T. Murray be named as chairman.

J. T. LASSELL.

Resolution 9.

Resolved, That the next session of Conference begin the first Wednesday in April, 1899.

J. D. KINZER.

Resolution 10.

Resolved, That the present Committee on Christian Endeavor Societies be requested to call the attention of the proper authorities to the report made to this Conference, and render such assistance as may be desired, to prepare for holding a Convention of the Maryland Conference Union.

T. H. LEWIS.

Resolution 11.

Resolved, That this Conference respectfully requests Bro. Mather to permit the publication in the Minutes of his Conference Sermon.

HUGH L. ELDERDICE.

Resolution 12.

From report of growth of Methodist Protestant Church presented by

T. H. Lewis: That these exceptional circumstances suggest the propriety of emphasizing them by appropriate recognition in the churches throughout this District, that with this in view the second Sunday in November, the anniversary of the meeting of the General Convention in which the organization of the Maryland Conference was suggested—be fixed as the day in which to celebrate our 70th Anniversary; and that the President be requested to appoint a committee of three to prepare a suitable program.

Resolution 13.

Resolved, That the place of meeting of the next Annual Session be referred to the President and Standing District Committee for decision.

J. D. KINZER.

Resolution 14.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to insert in the blank for statistical reports, "Amount of Insurance on Church Property," instead of the present "Church Property Insured?"

T. H. LEWIS.

Resolution 15.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that dramatic entertainments for church purposes are open to serious objections, and should have no place among our financial methods.

B. F. BENSON.

Resolution 16.

Resolved, That W. J. C. Dulany & Co. be accorded the sincere thanks of this Conference for their thoughtfulness in establishing a stand in the Sunday School room where books, stationery, &c., could be secured and where business with the Book Concern could be transacted, for the benefit and accommodation of the members of this body. Also, that Messrs. John Rose and Wm. Wilhelm be thanked for their courteous attention to every patron who had business with them.

B. W. KINDLEY.

Resolution 17.

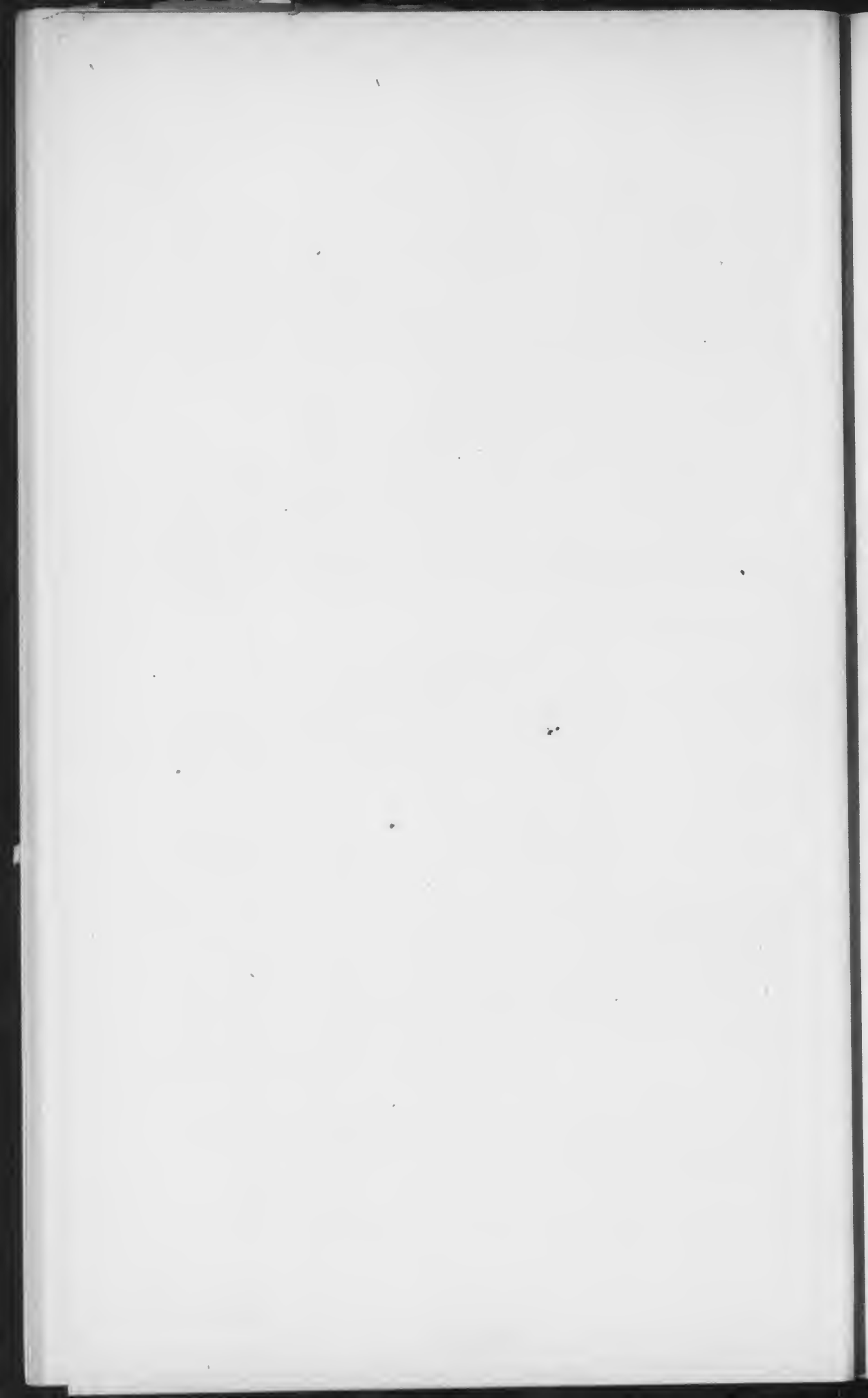
Resolved, That the boundaries of Sunday School Districts be inserted in Minutes.

J. L. STRAUGHN.

Resolution 18.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to raise upon each charge the sum of three dollars on the deficiency and send the amount to the President of the Seminary within sixty days.

J. M. SHERIDAN.



OBITUARY.

REV. RHESA SCOTT NORRIS.

It is an honored task to write this name, of admiring and loving remembrances, now intermingled with the sad realization that it represents a pale sleeper in the sombre shades of Baltimore's Loudon Park. A friend, a brother and highly-esteemed associate was he in the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. A truer man, one more loyal to the church or more consecrated to the Christian ministry never had place on our Conference roll. His record of fidelity is on many of our fields of labor, extending over the wide space of more than half a century. His early vigor and unflagging zeal of his maturer life were freely and fully given to the church of his intelligent and well-considered choice. His father, who was a Methodist Protestant Church father as well, and an unstationed minister, was usefully employed in the early history of the denomination. Rhesa Scott Norris, coming from this stock, inherited our church distinctiveness, to which, by careful studies, he added his own personal and original preferences. Thus he equally honored his parentage and himself. His heritage of denominational sentiment he made more and more his own by increased intelligence and thoughtful consideration of the premises.

Converted to God in his youth, without delay he united with the church. This was followed by an exemplary walk and an active participation in the sacred duties of the Christian life. He soon had the fullest official endorsement of his local church, as to gifts and grace, being licensed to preach the Gospel. It was here in the interim of the Annual Conference that the President found Brother Norris in 1842, and needing an assistant preacher on one of the circuits, gave him his first itinerant work. This work having been satisfactorily performed he came up to the Conference in 1843, cordially recommended, and was regularly received into the traveling connection. Then began a long Conference career which, from first to last, was unsurpassed for faithfulness in the work and responsibilities of the Christian pastor. He had high and just conception of the ministerial office, and it was the labor of his life to walk worthy of that sacred vocation. Promptness in meeting his engagements as a pastor, diligence in all his work, sympathy, kindness and love in his intercourse with the flock, of which he realized himself to be an under shepherd, were his characteristics. And as to the pulpit, Cowper's ideal had embodiment in this herald of the Gospel, our Brother Norris. He was

"Much impressed
Himself, as conscious of his awful charge,

And anxious mainly that the flock he fed
Might feel it, too ; affectionate in look,
And tender in address, as well becomes
A messenger of grace to guilty men."

Ah, true man of God, and equally true brother of men, thou hast gone to the grave with a double benediction, the plaudit of divinity and the tender affection of a large circle of humanity.

Why should more be said of this 'good soldier of Jesus Christ?' He has fought his last battle. His record is with us. The white page of his long life is without a stain. He is at rest at last. Only his earthly tabernacle has been entombed. The conference will now transfer his name to the cherished number of his ministerial associates, who, though departed, are called at every annual session amid the freshened memories and reverent attention of all.

A word of personal delineation. Brother Norris was of fine physique, symmetrically rounded form, tall and erect; a picture of well developed physical manhood. In bearing a quiet unassuming dignity prevailed, and this was tempered by a courtly grace and affability that at once commanded respect and won affection.

How did our brother die? Suddenly, easily, peacefully, after years of languishing and pain. A very little time previously he seemed to his watching family about the same for days and weeks past; only a little weaker, and then in a moment he was gone! Early in his critical illness he had honored one of this committee by the words: "I want you to take charge of my funeral obsequies." Had he been making the most casual request he could not have spoken with more calmness. In anticipation of the event of events he realized that under him were the "everlasting arms." It was faith, trust, confidence, assurance sublime.

The relation between Brother Norris and the friend of whom he made the complimentary but solemn request had been tenderly confiding and loving for nearly all their respective ministerial lives.

Fully realizing his nearness to death, among other calm, assured, triumphant allusions to it, in one of many visits to him by his endeared friend, he said: "I have two special reasons for thankfulness; my reasoning faculties are unimpaired, and my faith is unshaken in the Lord Jesus Christ."

Another member of the committee, the attentive pastor of Brother Norris during the last two years of his life, wishes to put two things on record, first, the unabated interest of the suffering saint in the church of his early choice and consecrated toils; and, second, the Christian benediction that he himself realized in his visits to that edifying and sanctifying sick-bed. Visits of sympathy to Brother Norris were well rewarded by his loving greetings, his perfect resignation and his unfaltering trust in the Son of God. Of him the poet might have written the polished and triumphant Christian lines:

"The chamber where the good man meets his fate
Is privileged beyond the common walk of life,
Quite on the verge of heaven."

Brother Norris died December 7. The funeral services were held in Mount

Lebanon, the family's home church, December 10. Our Baltimore ministers generally were present, also representatives of churches he had served, and other friends, making a large attendance. The brethren officiating besides Brother Norris' own appointee were Dr. J. T. Murray, Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse and Rev. J. M. Sheridan. Rev. T. O. Crouse, as selected chorister, sang appropriate hymns, with organ accompaniment. The text of the prepared address was: "A good soldier of Jesus Christ," 2 Timothy, ii. 3. The whole service, tender and touching, was a heart tribute to the excellent life that had ceased on earth.

Our departed brother is well represented in the church by his bereaved household. There are surviving the wife of his early manhood and of his advanced years, a daughter, six sons, and one of them a consecrated minister in his father's Conference. May the mantle of the ascended Elijah fall upon the young Elisha.

Subdued and tender thoughts, with an even mingling of sadness and joy, now linger amid the shades of the cemetery, where, as Rev. J. S. Bowers read the ritual for the Christian dead, we laid the corruptible down in confident hope of its ultimate putting on incorruption and immortality, when shall be brought to pass the fulfilled prophecy of the "saying written: Death is swallowed in victory."

S. B. SOUTHERLAND,
J. T. MURRAY,
J. M. SHERIDAN,
E. B. FENBY,
JOHN G. CLARKE,
Conference Committee.

MRS. ELIZABETH J. EWELL.

EWELL.—In memoriam. Mrs. Elizabeth J. Ewell, relict of the late Dr. Daniel F. Ewell, and daughter of Joshua Jefferson, of Fishing Creek, Dorchester county, Md., died at the home of her daughter, Rev. Mrs. E. C. Atkins, Berlin, Md., Saturday, February 19th, in the sixty-ninth year of her age. She was born in Dorchester county, Md., July 16, 1829. Early in life she sought the Saviour and became a member of the Methodist Protestant Church. She was a sweet and gentle Christian, a loving wife, a faithful mother, and devoted to her church and home. About two years ago, while on a visit to her daughter at Berlin, (Mrs. Atkins) she was seriously ill, and it was feared for a time that she could not live. She recovered, however, but was never quite so strong again, and for several weeks prior to her last illness showed visible signs of weakness. The first acute symptoms was a severe pain in the head, from which she found relief only in the semi-unconscious condition that soon followed. Her illness was caused by congestion of the brain. Her symptoms, alarming from the first, led those who watched by her to ask if she felt the Saviour with her. She was at that time perfectly conscious, and said: "Yes, He is with me all the while. He is very precious; I love Him." Twice she

rallied, and gave hope of possible recovery, but from midnight on Friday, 18th, she grew rapidly worse, and a few minutes past noon on Saturday, 19th, she passed to the world of light. Sweetly as a tired child falls asleep on its mother's breast she "fell asleep in Jesus." A simple service was held on Sunday night at the home, with only her children about her. The remains were taken to Cambridge, Md., Monday, 21st, by a special train, and interred in the family burying lot, beside her husband, the Rev. G. Q. Bacchus, pastor of the M. P. Church, Cambridge, officiating. Three children survive her—Thos J. Ewell, of Baltimore; Mrs. Addie J. Roe, wife of Rev. Robert Roe, Kenton, Del., and Mrs. Florence G. Atkins, wife of Rev. E. C. Atkins, pastor of the M. E. Church, Berlin. A good woman has gone to her reward. Her noble Christian life and generous spirit won for her a host of friends, who to-day mourn her loss.

"She sleeps. Oh, God! no other hand
Can wake that deep repose;
No power can break that unseen band,
Save Christ, who from it rose."

"Sleep sweetly, then, since God decrees
That friends on earth must sever;
His pitying eye our sorrow sees,
And says, 'Tis not *forever*.'"

E. C. ATKINS.

BERLIN, MD., March 1, 1898.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL
TABLES.

Collections for Local Interests and Totals for all

No.	CHARGES.	PRES'T'S SALARY.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		Rental Value of Parsonages.	Total Asses.
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		
1	Accomac	20.00	20.00	650.00	650.00	60.00	730.00
2	Alexandria.....	25.00	25.00	700.00	700.00	200.00	925.00
3	Alnutt Memorial..	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	360.00	1,610.00
4	Amelia	15.00	15.00	325.00	325.00	30.00	370.00
5	Baltimore.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	412.79	175.00	693.00
6	Bedford.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	60.00	680.00
7	Belair	25.00	25.00	850.00	850.00	150.00	925.00
8	Bethany	5.00	5.00	400.00	400.00	.....	405.00
9	Bethel.....	5.00	2.50	25.00	25.00	.....	30.00
10	Broadway.....	20.00	20.00	625.00	625.00	240.00	885.00
11	Beaver Dam... ..	10.00	10.00	350.00	310.05	48.00	408.00
12	Brooklyn	15.00	15.00	500.00	500.00	75.00	590.00
13	Cambridge.....	25.00	25.00	700.00	700.00	125.00	850.00
14	Campbell	5.00	5.00	150.00	150.00	.....	155.00
15	Caroline.....	25.00	25.00	900.00	900.00	75.00	1,000.00
16	Cecil	25.00	25.00	700.00	700.00	100.00	825.00
17	Central.....	25.00	25.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	420.00	1,445.00
18	Centreville.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	200.00	820.00
19	Chesapeake.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	100.00	618.00
20	Chestertown.....	40.00	40.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	350.00	1,390.00
21	Chincoteague	10.00	10.00	425.00	425.00	75.00	510.00
22	Christ's Church...	5.00	5.00	300.00	300.00	.....	305.00
23	Clayton.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	580.00	120.00	740.00
24	Concord.....	20.00	20.00	450.00	418.28	45.00	515.00
25	Conquest.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	450.00	35.00	553.00
26	Crisfield	30.00	30.00	900.00	900.00	120.00	1,050.00
27	Crumpton.....	12.00	12.00	400.00	400.00	75.00	487.00
28	Cumberland.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	150.00	668.00
29	Deer Creek.....	12.00	12.00	325.00	325.00	60.00	400.00
30	Deer Park.....	15.00	15.00	375.00	375.00	75.00	405.00
31	Delmar	20.00	20.00	600.00	650.00	125.00	745.00
32	Delta.....	18.00	18.00	600.00	600.00	125.00	743.00
33	Dorchester.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	590.00	75.00	695.00
34	Dover.....	10.00	10.00	500.00	500.00	.....	510.00
35	East Baltimore....	35.00	35.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	240.00	1,275.00
36	Easton.....	35.00	35.00	800.00	800.00	200.00	1,035.00
37	Elizabeth.....	35.00	35.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	.....	1,235.00
38	Eutaw.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	180.00	698.00
39	Evergreen .....	.....	2.50	.....	207.00	.....	.....
40	Fairfax.....	8.00	8.00	250.00	250.00	.....	258.00
41	Fairview.....	8.00	8.00	300.00	300.00	.....	308.00
42	Fawn Grove.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	542.50	75.00	695.00
43	Felton.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	450.00	50.00	568.00
44	Finksburg.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	100.00	720.00

Purposes for the Year Ending April, 1898.

No.	Total Paid.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improve-ments.	Paid on Debt.	Special.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Total Paid for all Purposes.
1	\$ 730.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 285.00	\$	\$ 1,455.00	\$ 168.84	\$ 1,623.84
2	925 00	918 28	.....	1,000.00	.....	2,843.28	156.17	2,999.45
3	1,610.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	370.00	30.00	50.00	25.00	.....	475.00	26.50	501.50
5	605.79	135.00	515.00	.....	.....	1,255.79	67.25	1,323.04
6	680.00	90.00	214.00	40 00	1,200.00	1,024.00	49.75	1,085.75
7	925.00	440.00	50.00	100.00	.....	1,615.00	151.65	1,766.65
8	405.00	230.00	137.46	.....	.....	772.46	34.00	806.46
9	27.50	33.84	53.00	.....	.....	114.34	.....	114.34
10	885.00	575.00	140.00	425.00	41.00	2,025.00	144.23	2,210.23
11	368.05	60.00	537.46	.....	64.21	917.51	18.96	1,000.68
12	590.00	102.00	99 70	450.00	11.00	1,241.70	63.15	1,315.85
13	850.00	275.00	350.00	.....	.....	1,475.00	145.00	1,620.00
14	155.00	.....	307 50	.....	.....	462.50	33.00	495.50
15	1,000.00	175.00	1,475.00	.....	20.00	2,650.00	114.25	2,784.25
16	825 00	225.00	100.00	.....	30.00	1,150.00	211.00	1,391.00
17	1,445.00	436.72	.....	50.00	.....	1,921.72	267.67	1,929.39
18	820.00	375 00	665.00	.....	.....	1,960.00	174.37	2,134.37
19	618.00	158.79	50.00	.....	.....	826.79	138.28	965.07
20	1,390.00	500.00	100.00	1,000.00	20.00	2,990.00	326.14	3,336.14
21	510.00	85.00	165.00	566.00	.....	1,326.00	31.00	1,357.00
22	305.00	725.50	283.36	275.40	.....	1,589.20	45.50	1,634.70
23	720.00	130.00	67.00	.....	.....	917.00	84.87	1,001.87
24	483.28	100 00	68.19	.....	10.00	606.47	79.04	695.51
25	503.00	180.00	148.00	100.00	6.00	931.00	87.00	1,024.00
26	1,050.00	350.00	1,670.00	1,200.00	.....	4,270.00	129.55	4,399.55
27	487.00	108.21	84.67	38.84	.....	718.72	64.15	782.87
28	668.00	236.00	180.00	.....	5.00	1,084.00	127.32	1,216.32
29	400.00	95.00	.....	.....	.....	492.00	46.67	538.67
30	405.00	330.62	75.50	118.00	.....	989.12	35.50	1,024.62
31	795.00	200.00	1,000.00	450.00	.....	2,445.00	104.00	2,549.00
32	743.00	163.50	278.00	300.00	.....	1,484.50	124.43	1,608.93
33	685.00	90.00	800.00	.....	.....	1,575.00	39.60	1,614.60
34	510.00	212.00	30.00	300.00	.....	1,052.00	34.00	1,086.00
35	1,275.00	1,130.74	.....	92.37	.....	2,498.11	272.39	2,770.50
36	1,035.00	500.00	.....	.....	55.00	1,535.00	931.00	2,521.00
37	1,235.00	1,410.74	.....	50.00	10.00	2,695.74	264.22	2,969.96
38	698.00	195.12	117.51	.....	.....	1,010.63	109.05	1,119.68
39	209.50	141.06	100.00	100.00	.....	550.56	19.05	569.61
40	258.00	35.00	237.00	.....	3.00	530.00	67.50	600.50
41	308.00	50.00	666.40	.....	.....	1,024.40	50.25	1,074.65
42	637.50	160.00	50.00	.....	.....	847.50	93.11	940.61
43	518.00	75.00	65.00	.....	.....	608.00	57.50	665.50
44	720.00	240.00	2,200.00	.....	15.00	3,160.00	197.23	3,358.23

Collections for Local Interests and Totals for all

No.	CHARGES.	PRES'T'S SALARY.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		Rental Value of Parsonages.	Total Assess.
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		
45	First Church.....	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 925.00
46	Fox Hill.....	.....	5.50	270.00	270.00	.....	270.00
47	Franklin City.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	560.00	75.00	695.00
48	Frederica.....	10.00	7.40	300.00	300.00	.....	310.00
49	Frederick.....	20.00	20.00	425.00	425.00	.....	445.00
50	Georgetown, D. C..	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	500.00	1,750.00
51	Georgetown, Del..	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	78.00	698.00
52	Greenwood.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	75.00	593.00
53	Grove.....	18.00	18.00	450.00	360.00	75.00	543.00
54	Hamp en.....	35.00	35.00	800.00	800.00	150.00	985.00
55	Harper's Ferry....	18.00	12.00	500.00	500.00	.....	512.00
56	Harrington.....	20.00	20.00	700.00	700.00	75.00	795.00
57	Heathsville.....	25.00	25.00	600.00	573.00	100.00	725.00
58	Holly Run.....	15.00	15.00	500.00	475.00	100.00	615.00
59	Howard.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	480.00	100.00	618.00
60	Hurlock.....	10.00	10.00	310.00	310.00	75.00	395.00
61	Indian River.....	.....	5.00	60.00	60.00	.....	65.00
62	Jefferson.....	40.00	40.00	800.00	800.00	150.00	990.00
63	Kemptown.....	15.00	15.00	500.00	500.00	75.00	585.00
64	Kennedyville.....	18.00	16.00	500.00	440.03	75.00	593.00
65	Kent Island.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	100.00	618.00
66	Laurel, Del.....	32.00	32.00	800.00	800.00	125.00	957.00
67	Leipsic.....	8.00	8.00	300.00	300.00	.....	308.00
68	Lewistown.....	8.00	8.00	375.00	280.00	.....	383.00
69	Liberty.....	20.00	20.00	575.00	575.00	100.00	695.00
70	Lisbon.....	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	75.00	700.00
71	Lynchburg.....	25.00	25.00	840.00	840.00	.....	845.00
72	Mardela.....	10.00	10.00	300.00	300.00	60.00	370.00
73	Mariuer's.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	625.75	75.00	695.00
74	Marley.....	12.00	12.00	400.00	375.00	.....	412.00
75	Middleway.....	10.00	8.50	225.00	202.00	60.00	295.00
76	Milton.....	10.00	10.00	400.00	400.00	60.00	480.00
77	Mt. Nebo.....	12.00	5.40	.....	118.36	125.00	.....
78	Mt. Tabor.....	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	.....	520.00
79	North Baltimore..	20.00	20.00	350.00	350.00	.....	370.00
80	N. C. Ave. Wash..	18.00	18.00	700.00	536.83	.....	718.00
81	Newark.....	50.00	50.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	408.00	2,030.00
82	New Market.....	25.00	25.00	700.00	700.00	180.00	733.00
83	Oak Grove.....	15.00	15.00	300.00	300.00	60.00	375.00
84	Oxford.....	20.00	20.00	550.00	550.00	150.00	720.00
85	Parksley.....	10.00	10.00	250.00	250.00	.....	260.00
86	Patapsco.....	5.00	5.00	200.00	200.00	.....	205.00
87	Payson Street.....	10.00	10.00	500.00	500.00	.....	510.00
88	Pipe Creek.....	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	96.00	616.00

Purposes for the Year Ending April, 1898.

No.	Total Paid.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improve- 'ments.	Paid on Debt.	Special.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Total Paid for all Purposes.
45	\$ 925.00	\$ 820.00	\$ 730.00	.....	.....	2,475.00	1,111.49	2,586.49
46	275.50	92.13	11.42	.....	.....	379.05	21.00	400.05
47	655.00	100.00	85.00	2,335.00	.....	3,175.00	53.00	3,228.00
48	307.40	70.00	30.00	.....	.....	407.40	24.00	431.40
49	445.00	261.00	72.00	30.00	20.00	808.00	192.00	1,000.00
50	1,750.00	961.91	938.75	.....	102.25	3,650.66	482.07	4,238.98
51	698.00	168.25	85.00	480.00	.....	1,431.25	148.58	1,579.83
52	593.00	100.00	50.00	.....	5.30	743.00	107.00	855.30
53	453.00	70.00	20.15	.....	.....	543.15	60.00	603.15
54	985.00	770.00	2,250.00	.....	.....	4,005.00	177.13	4,182.13
55	512.00	130.00	35.00	.....	6.00	677.00	62.50	745.50
56	795.00	200.00	.....	.....	.....	995.00	107.00	1,102.00
57	698.00	75.00	90.00	203.95	.....	1,066.95	191.23	1,258.18
58	590.00	63.00	118.18	22.13	.....	793.31	35.00	828.31
59	598.00	100.00	305.00	.....	.....	1,003.00	117.00	1,120.00
60	395.00	60.00	65.00	325.00	.....	845.00	44.25	889.25
61	65.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	65.00	15.53	80.53
62	990.00	288.00	63.07	.....	100.00	1,341.07	512.69	1,853.76
63	585.00	149.00	45.25	.....	.....	784.25	115.66	909.91
64	531.03	60.00	.....	110.00	50.00	701.03	66.48	817.51
65	618.00	125.00	135.00	.....	45.50	878.00	139.00	1,052.50
66	957.00	386.22	52.00	.....	35.50	1,395.22	321.35	1,721.57
67	308.00	123.00	119.00	.....	.....	550.00	23.50	573.50
68	288.00	150.00	.....	.....	.....	438.00	60.50	498.50
69	695.00	165.00	.....	.....	75.00	860.00	199.22	1,134.22
70	700.00	125.00	650.00	43.00	14.80	1,518.00	235.00	1,767.80
71	845.00	399.12	27.10	1,875.00	129.96	3,166.22	147.25	3,443.43
72	370.00	.....	.....	198.00	.....	568.00	37.50	605.50
73	720.75	287.53	400.00	300.00	38.33	1,608.28	98.30	1,759.91
74	387.00	150.00	.....	.....	4.25	537.00	41.50	582.75
75	270.50	30.00	54.00	5.00	.....	359.50	20.05	379.55
76	480.00	75.00	185.00	.....	.....	730.00	70.00	800.00
77	248.76	.....	.....	.....	.....	123.76	11.14	134.90
78	520.00	414.66	56.36	117.60	9.88	1,208.62	108.00	1,326.50
79	370.00	1,139.04	92.20	450.10	.....	2,051.34	134.80	2,186.14
80	551.83	126.44	3,920.09	.....	55.50	4,596.36	71.85	4,723.71
81	2,030.00	2,400.00	120.00	.....	.....	4,550.00	331.00	4,881.00
82	733.00	372.00	491.12	252.00	5.00	1,948.12	155.23	2,108.37
83	375.00	36.15	45.00	.....	.....	456.15	46.50	502.65
84	720.00	350.00	75.00	.....	.....	1,145.00	175.00	1,320.00
85	260.00	150.00	.....	375.00	.....	785.00	60.00	845.00
86	205.00	15.80	100.00	.....	12.00	320.80	33.00	365.80
87	510.00	308.00	.....	37.60	9.00	855.60	91.80	952.40
88	616.00	368.55	28.00	.....	88.00	1,012.55	225.68	1,326.23

Collections for Local Interests and Totals for all

No.	CHARGES.	PRES'T'S SALARY.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		Rental Value of Parsonages.	Total Assess.
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		
89	Pittsville.....	10.00	10.00	500.00	428.29	50.00	560.00
90	Pocomoke.....	15.00	15.00	400.00	400.00	75.00	490.00
91	Pocomoke City.	40.00	40.00	850.00	850.00	150.00	1,040.00
92	Potomac.....	12.00	12.00	400.00	400.00	120.00	532.00
93	Powellville.....	15.00	15.00	355.00	355.00	35.00	405.00
94	Prince Geo., Va.	5.00	5.00	75.00	62.88	.....	142.88
95	Quantico.....	15.00	12.00	300.00	300.00	75.00	387.00
96	Queen Anne....	15.00	15.00	360.00	360.00	120.00	495.00
97	Reliance.....	15.00	15.00	350.00	350.00	75.00	440.00
98	Remington.....	12.00	12.00	300.00	* 414.00	.....	312.00
99	Rowlandville...	15.00	15.00	212.34	212.34	100.00	327.34
100	Salem.....	12.00	12.00	360.00	360.00	100.00	472.00
101	Salisbury.....	20.00	20.00	650.00	650.00	150.00	820.00
102	Seaford.....	20.00	20.00	550.00	650.00	125.00	695.00
103	Snow Hill.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	570.00	125.00	643.00
104	South Baltimore.	20.00	20.00	700.00	700.00	300.00	1,020.00
105	Starr.....	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	240.00	1,490.00
106	Stewartstown...	10.00	10.00	500.00	508.00	75.00	585.00
107	St. James'.....	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	100.00	725.00
108	St. John's, Canton	8.00	8.00	350.00	350.00	.....	358.00
109	St. Luke's.....	25.00	25.00	800.00	804.00	360.00	1,185.00
110	St. Michael's....	15.00	15.00	450.00	475.00	100.00	565.00
111	Susquehanna ...	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	100.00	725.00
112	Sussex.....	20.00	20.00	528.00	578.80	72.00	620.00
113	Talbot.....	10.00	10.00	275.00	275.00	.....	285.00
114	Trinity... ..	30.00	30.00	700.00	700.00	75.00	805.00
115	Tyreeanna.....	5.00	5.00	150.00	150.00	.....	155.00
116	Union.....	25.00	25.00	700.00	700.00	103.00	828.00
117	Union Bridge...	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	125.00	645.00
118	Waltersville....	15.00	15.00	400.00	400.00	.....	415.00
119	Warwick.....	15.00	15.00	475.00	500.00	50.00	540.00
120	Waverly.....	8.00	4.95	600.00	431.49	180.00	788.00
121	West Baltimore.	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	300.00	1,550.00
122	Westminster....	45.00	45.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	240.00	1,285.00
123	Williamsport....	8.00	8.00	125.00	90.00	.....	223.00
124	Willmington....	10.00	10.00	650.00	650.00	.....	660.00
125	W. Willmington	10.00	10.00	325.00	325.00	.....	335.00
126	Wye.....	10.00	10.00	100.00	100.00	125.00	135.00
127	Chatsworth, Ind.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
128	St. John's, Ind..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
129	Millville.....	.....	.....	175.00	175.00	25.06	200.06
Total.....		2,351.00	2,337.75	67,145.34	66,591.75	11,680.06	73,864.40

* St Johns' Board of Beneficence contributed \$200.00 to Remington Church.

Purposes for the Year Ending April, 1898.

No.	Total Paid.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improve-ments.	Paid on Debt.	Special.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Total Paid for All Purposes.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
89	488.29	158.29	3.00	57.00	.....	706.58	73.57	780.15
90	490.00	86.00	150.00	.....	.....	726.00	59.05	785.05
91	1,040.00	250.00	50.00	.....	200.00	1,340.00	339.34	1,879.34
92	532.00	60.00	601.72	175.00	.....	1,368.72	65.25	1,433.97
93	405.00	20.00	85.00	.....	.....	510.00	43.10	553.10
94	142.88	13.25	20.00	.....	.....	101.13	5.00	106.13
95	387.00	77.65	100.00	50.00	.....	614.65	53.54	668.19
96	495.00	132.00	55.00	180.00	.....	862.00	132.20	994.22
97	440.00	80.00	223.00	120.70	.....	863.70	38.35	902.05
98	426.00	203.82	2,802.86	.....	.....	3,432.68	38.00	3,470.68
99	327.34	40.00	30.00	.....	.....	397.34	40.00	437.34
100	472.00	119.00	80.00	.....	25.00	671.00	89.50	785.50
101	820.00	350.00	75.00	.....	36.41	1,246.00	143.78	1,426.19
102	795.00	463.00	4,000.00	.....	5.00	5,258.00	158.08	5,421.08
103	713.00	145.00	130.00	.....	7.00	988.00	86.66	1,081.66
104	1,020.00	703.00	25.00	.....	5.00	1,748.00	123.83	1,876.83
105	1,490.00	1,254.50	150.00	.....	35.00	2,894.50	10.31	3,339.81
106	593.00	304.75	850.00	.....	.....	1,747.75	139.03	1,886.78
107	725.00	130.00	10.00	.....	11.50	865.00	194.90	1,071.40
108	358.00	224.00	93.43	363.13	.....	1,038.56	59.00	1,097.56
109	1,189.00	391.76	160.16	557.14	.....	2,308.06	67.03	2,375.09
110	580.00	90.00	20.00	.....	.....	700.00	118.03	818.03
111	725.00	157.94	64.00	.....	25.00	946.94	222.01	1,193.95
112	610.80	260.33	68.00	289.25	.....	1,228.38	142.18	1,370.56
113	285.00	46.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	1,331.00	56.50	1,387.50
114	805.00	268.87	163.96	.....	.....	1,237.83	174.12	1,411.95
115	155.00	.....	154.00	.....	.....	309.00	33.50	342.50
116	828.00	250.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	2,078.00	161.09	2,239.09
117	645.00	225.00	40.00	145.00	.....	1,055.00	222.31	1,277.31
118	415.00	169.23	322.80	.....	.....	907.03	108.00	1,015.03
119	565.00	135.00	180.00	.....	.....	880.00	96.00	976.00
120	616.44	253.22	72.40	.....	.....	942.06	42.00	984.06
121	1,550.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	172.00	3,550.00	690.72	4,412.72
122	1,285.00	831.25	.....	.....	.....	2,116.25	258.52	2,374.77
123	223.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	98.00	10.45	108.45
124	660.00	590.00	30.00	100.00	.....	1,380.00	50.00	1,430.00
125	335.00	306.84	100.00	527.00	.....	1,268.84	31.50	1,300.34
126	135.00	175.00	85.00	242.00	.....	737.00	87.00	824.00
127	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	252.00	252.00
128	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.75	.....	623.91	635.66
129	200.06	30.00	.....	.....	.....	230.00	.....	230.06
	73,297.56	34,497.71	37,432.71	16,381.21	1,698.14	168,226.58	19,027.08	187,308.66

Collections for General Interests

No.	CHARGE.	Bible.	Tract.	CONFER'CE.		MIN. EDU'N.		THE. SEM'Y.		SUPERAN'		No.
				Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	
1	Accomac.....	.50	.50	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00	34
2	Alexandria....	.25	3.42	4.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	15.00	42.00	32.00	32
3	Alnutt Mem'r'l.	5.00	10.34	8.00	8.00	13.00	13.00	40.00	40.00	86.00	86.00	86
4	Amelia.....	.....	.....	2.00	1.50	4.00	2.00	12.00	3.00	25.00	2.00	2
5	Baltimore.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	15.00	15
6	Bedford.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	34.00	11.00	11
7	Belair.....	1.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	6.00	5.00	20.00	15.00	42.00	34.00	34
8	Bethany.....	.50	.50	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00	8
9	Bethel.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	2.00	.....	4.00	.....	8.00	.....	.....
10	Beaver Dam...	.20	.25	2.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	8.00	1.50	15.00	1.00	1
11	Broadway.....	1.00	1.23	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00	34
12	Brooklyn.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	2.00	12.00	6.00	25.00	13.00	13
13	Cambridge.....	1.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	6.00	5.00	20.00	20.00	42.00	38.00	38
14	Campbell.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00	8
15	Caroline.....	1.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	6.00	4.00	20.00	12.00	42.00	32.00	32
16	Cecil.....	2.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	42.00	42.00	42
17	Central.....	.....	.....	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	42.00	42.00	42
18	Centreville....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00	34
19	Chesapeake....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	14.00	30.00	30.00	30
20	Chestertown...	1.00	3.00	6.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	32.00	32.00	68.00	68.00	68
21	Chincoteague..	.50	.50	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	6.00	6
22	Christ's Church.	.25	.25	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00	8
23	Clayton.....	2.75	.75	3.00	3.00	5.00	3.00	16.00	12.00	34.00	14.00	14
24	Concord.....	.....	.....	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	13.00	13
25	Conquest.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	4.00	14.00	10.00	30.00	20.00	20
26	Crisfield.....	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	24.00	24.00	51.00	25.00	25
27	Crumpton.....	.40	.75	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.50	10.00	7.00	21.00	11.00	11
28	Cumberland....	.50	.62	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	14.00	30.00	7.00	7
29	Deer Creek....	1.00	.67	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	21.00	14.00	14
30	Deer Park.....	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	12.00	3.00	25.00	6.00	6
31	Delmar.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	25.00	25
32	Delta.....	7.00	.50	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	14.00	30.00	30.00	30
33	Dorchester....	.50	.50	3.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	5.00	5
34	Dover.....	.25	.25	2.00	1.50	3.00	2.00	8.00	4.00	17.00	8.00	8
35	East Baltimore.	3.00	9.25	5.00	5.00	9.00	7.00	28.00	28.00	59.00	40.00	40
36	Easton.....	*200.00	†200.00	5.00	5.00	9.00	9.00	28.00	28.00	59.00	109.00	109
37	Elizabeth.....	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	9.00	9.00	28.00	28.00	59.00	59.00	59
38	Eutaw.....	.70	1.05	3.00	2.10	5.00	3.50	14.00	9.80	30.00	21.00	21
39	Evergreen.....	.10	.10	.....	.50	.....	1.25	.....	2.00	.....	2.00	2
40	Fairfax.....	.25	.25	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	6.00	14.00	14.00	14
41	Fairview.....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	6.00	14.00	14.00	14
42	Fawn Grove...	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	16.00	10.00	34.00	15.00	15
43	Felton.....	.50	.50	3.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	14.00	10.00	30.00	13.00	13

* Mrs. Tamsay A. Reese contributed \$200 to Bible Cause. † Mrs. Tamsay A. Reese contributed \$200 to Tract Cause.

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For the Year Ending April, 1898.

No.	CHUR. EXTEN.		G. HOME MIS.		FOREIGN MIS.		Special for Foreign Missions.	PRES'T'S SAL.		TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
1	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$12.00	\$19.14	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$38.48	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$130.00	\$168.84
2	44.00	24.00	15.00	10.00	30.00	15.00	47.50	25.00	25.00	212.17	156.17
3	88.00	88.00	30.00	30.00	60.00	60.00	194.17	50.00	50.00	534.51	534.51
4	26.00	6.00	9.00	4.00	18.00	4.00	4.00	15.00	15.00	96.00	26.50
5	32.00	15.00	11.00	5.00	22.00	5.00	16.25	18.00	18.00	117.00	67.25
6	35.00	11.28	12.00	4.00	24.00	2.00	6.18	20.00	20.00	131.00	49.75
7	44.00	37.00	15.00	12.00	30.00	24.00	21.40	25.00	25.00	183.65	151.65
8	9.00	9.00	3.00	3.00	6.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	34.00	34.00
9	9.00	.....	3.00	.....	6.00	.....	.....	5.00	2.50	.....	.....
10	18.00	3.00	6.00	1.01	12.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	64.45	18.96
11	35.00	35.00	12.00	12.00	24.00	24.02	13.00	20.00	20.00	144.23	144.23
12	26.00	11.25	9.00	4.00	18.00	7.00	15.90	15.00	15.00	113.90	63.15
13	44.00	38.00	15.00	10.00	30.00	15.00	15.00	25.00	25.00	163.00	146.00
14	9.00	9.00	3.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	.....	5.00	5.00	33.00	33.00
15	44.00	25.00	15.00	10.00	30.00	5.00	20.00	25.00	25.00	163.00	114.25
16	44.00	44.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	45.00	25.00	25.00	161.00	211.00
17	44.00	44.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	56.67	25.00	25.00	267.67	267.67
18	35.00	35.00	12.00	12.00	24.00	24.00	43.37	20.00	20.00	174.37	174.37
19	32.00	32.00	11.00	11.00	22.00	22.00	30.28	18.00	18.00	138.28	138.28
20	72.00	72.00	24.00	24.00	48.00	48.00	64.14	40.00	40.00	329.93	325.93
21	18.00	6.00	6.00	3.00	12.00	9.00	.....	10.00	10.00	67.00	31.00
22	9.00	9.00	3.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	12.00	5.00	5.00	45.50	45.50
23	35.00	17.60	12.00	4.47	24.00	2.70	24.60	20.00	20.00	157.10	84.87
24	35.00	12.00	12.00	9.00	24.00	12.00	9.04	20.00	20.00	129.00	79.04
25	32.00	28.00	11.00	8.00	22.00	3.00	10.00	18.00	18.00	119.00	87.00
26	53.00	12.00	18.00	22.30	36.00	6.00	31.25	30.00	30.00	210.25	129.55
27	21.00	12.00	7.00	5.00	14.00	6.00	19.50	12.00	12.00	97.65	64.15
28	32.00	16.00	11.00	11.00	22.00	19.50	50.45	18.00	18.00	168.57	127.32
29	22.00	5.00	7.00	3.00	14.00	14.00	.....	12.00	12.00	77.00	46.67
30	26.00	3.00	9.00	2.00	18.00	.....	.....	15.00	15.00	96.50	35.50
31	35.00	27.00	12.00	7.00	24.00	9.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	131.00	104.00
32	32.00	25.00	11.00	11.00	22.00	8.50	20.43	18.00	18.00	144.93	124.43
33	35.00	4.00	12.00	2.00	24.00	.....	8.60	20.00	20.00	129.00	39.60
34	18.00	5.00	16.00	3.00	12.00	.....	10.00	10.00	10.00	96.50	34.00
35	61.00	45.36	21.00	15.53	42.00	33.00	86.25	35.00	35.00	323.50	272.39
36	61.00	240.00	21.00	21.00	42.00	35.17	83.83	35.00	35.00	708.83	931.00
37	61.00	61.00	21.00	21.00	42.00	42.00	24.22	35.00	35.00	225.00	299.22
38	32.00	22.40	11.00	8.70	22.00	1.25	38.05	18.00	18.00	118.75	109.05
39	.....	2.50	.....	3.55	.....	1.55	5.00	.....	2.50	19.05	19.05
40	14.00	14.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	6.00	18.00	8.00	8.00	53.00	67.50
41	14.00	11.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	9.25	.....	8.00	8.00	54.00	50.25
42	35.00	16.00	12.00	6.00	24.00	5.00	32.61	20.00	20.00	165.61	93.11
43	32.00	7.50	11.00	7.00	22.00	5.00	10.00	18.00	18.00	128.00	57.50

† Mrs. Tamsay A. Reese contributed \$100 to Maryland Conference Church Extension Society, and \$100 to Baltimore City Church Extension Society.

Collections for General Interests

No.	CHARGE.	Bible.	Tract.	CONFER'CE.		MIN. EDU'N.		THEOL SEM'Y.		SUP'A'TES.	
				Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
44	Finksburg.....	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00
45	First Church...	1.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	6.00	3.00	20.00	12.00	42.00	14.00
46	Fox Hill.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
47	Franklin City..	.50	.50	3.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	16.00	8.00	34.00	11.00
48	Frederica.....	1.00	.....	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	8.00	2.00	17.00	2.00
49	Frederick.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	4.00	16.00	16.00	30.00	22.00
50	Geor'town, D.C.	5.00	5.00	8.00	8.00	13.00	13.00	40.00	40.00	86.00	86.00
51	Geor'town, Del.	1.00	2.64	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00
52	Greenwood....	.....	.....	3.00	2.00	5.00	4.00	14.00	12.00	30.00	20.00
53	Grove.....	.50	.50	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	2.00
54	Hampden.....	1.93	1.93	5.00	4.42	9.00	9.00	28.00	28.00	59.00	16.41
55	Harper's Ferry.	.25	.25	3.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	14.00	10.00	30.00	14.00
56	Harrington....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	15.00	34.00	19.00
57	Heathsville....	5.00	4.81	4.00	2.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	42.00	31.00
58	Holly Run.....	.45	.35	2.00	1.00	4.00	1.00	12.00	8.00	25.00	8.00
59	Howard.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	12.00	30.00	30.00
60	Hurlock.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	8.00	5.00	17.00	10.00
61	Indian River...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	5.00
62	Jefferson.....	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	32.00	32.00	68.00	68.00
63	Kempton.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	12.00	12.00	25.00	25.00
64	Kennedyville..	.85	.85	3.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	14.00	8.00	30.00	15.00
65	Kent Island....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	14.00	30.00	30.00
66	Laurel, Del....	9.44	.50	5.00	2.00	8.00	8.00	24.00	24.00	53.00	39.00
67	Leipsic.....	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	6.00	3.00	14.00	5.00
68	Lewistown....	.25	.25	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	6.00	14.00	14.00
69	Liberty.....	4.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00
70	Lisbon.....	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	42.00	42.00
71	Lynchburg....	1.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	6.00	4.00	20.00	8.75	42.00	16.00
72	Mardela.....	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	3.00	15.00	5.00
73	Mariner's.....	.50	.50	3.00	2.00	5.00	3.00	16.00	8.00	34.00	22.00
74	Marley.....	.50	.50	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.50	10.00	4.00	21.00	5.00
75	Middleway.....	.10	.10	2.00	.60	3.00	1.00	8.00	2.00	17.00	2.00
76	Milton.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	17.00	15.00
77	Mt. Nebo.....	.10	.10	2.00	.25	2.00	.40	10.00	.65	21.00	1.00
78	Mt. Tabor....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	23.00
79	N. Baltimore...	.50	.80	3.00	1.50	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	20.00
80	N.C.Ave., Wash.	2.50	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	8.50	30.00	17.00
81	Newark.....	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	13.00	13.00	40.00	40.00	86.00	70.00
82	New Market...	.75	1.25	4.00	2.00	6.00	4.00	20.00	16.50	42.00	33.75
83	Oak Grove.....	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	12.00	6.00	25.00	10.00
84	Oxford.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00
85	Parksley.....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	5.00	17.00	9.00
86	Patapsco.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00

For the Year Ending April, 1898.

No.	CH. EXTEN.		GENERAL HOME MISS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.		Special for Foreign Miss'ns.	PRES'T'S SAL.		TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
44	35.00	35.00	12.00	12.00	24.00	24.00	64.23	20.00	20.00	197.23	197.23
45	44.00	17.00	15.00	6.00	30.00	5.00	50.49	25.00	25.00	213.49	111.49
46	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	10.00	5.50	5.50	21.00	21.00
47	35.00	6.00	12.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	148.00	53.00
48	18.00	4.00	6.00	2.00	12.00	1.00	9.00	10.00	7.40	64.00	24.00
49	32.00	25.00	11.00	8.00	22.00	16.00	77.00	20.00	20.00	194.00	192.00
50	88.00	88.00	30.00	30.00	60.00	60.00	147.07	50.00	50.00	482.00	482.07
51	35.00	35.00	12.00	12.00	24.00	24.00	15.94	20.00	20.00	148.58	148.58
52	32.00	32.00	11.00	8.00	22.00	14.00	15.00	18.00	18.00	132.00	107.00
53	32.00	2.00	11.00	11.00	22.00	1.00	31.00	18.00	18.00	149.00	60.00
54	61.00	27.88	21.00	6.56	42.00	6.00	75.00	35.00	35.00	303.86	177.13
55	32.00	8.00	11.00	2.00	22.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	12.00	117.00	62.50
56	35.00	25.00	12.00	9.00	24.00	17.00	11.93	20.00	20.00	131.93	107.00
57	44.00	27.50	15.00	12.00	30.00	20.00	62.92	25.00	25.00	233.73	191.23
58	26.00	8.00	9.00	2.00	18.00	5.00	1.20	15.00	15.00	98.00	35.00
59	32.00	32.00	11.00	6.00	22.00	5.00	22.00	18.00	18.00	141.00	117.00
60	18.00	11.00	6.00	1.00	12.00	4.00	9.25	10.00	10.00	77.25	44.25
61	2.39	2.39	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.14	5.00	5.00	15.53	15.53
62	72.00	72.00	24.00	40.14	48.00	48.41	126.14	40.00	40.00	396.14	512.69
63	26.00	26.00	9.00	9.00	18.00	5.00	30.66	15.00	15.00	128.66	115.66
64	32.00	15.00	11.00	8.75	22.00	3.00	11.03	18.00	16.00	118.70	66.48
65	32.00	32.00	11.00	11.00	22.00	4.00	38.00	18.00	18.00	157.00	139.00
66	55.00	45.00	20.00	23.00	40.00	30.11	140.30	32.00	32.00	355.24	321.35
67	14.00	2.00	5.00	1.00	10.00	.....	10.00	8.00	8.00	63.50	23.50
68	14.00	14.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	60.50	60.50
69	35.00	35.00	12.00	12.00	24.00	24.00	62.22	20.00	20.00	199.22	199.22
70	44.00	44.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	70.00	25.00	25.00	235.00	235.00
71	44.00	5.00	15.00	6.00	30.00	16.50	87.00	25.00	25.00	250.00	147.25
72	18.00	5.00	6.00	1.00	12.00	12.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	71.50	37.50
73	35.00	20.00	12.00	8.00	24.00	14.00	20.30	20.00	20.00	150.30	98.30
74	21.00	10.00	7.00	4.00	14.00	5.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	87.00	41.50
75	18.00	6.00	6.00	2.00	12.00	.25	4.00	10.00	8.50	70.20	20.05
76	18.00	15.00	6.00	6.00	12.00	5.00	15.00	10.00	10.00	83.00	70.00
77	21.00	1.00	7.00	2.09	14.00	.....	5.55	12.00	5.40	82.55	11.14
78	35.00	23.00	12.00	12.00	24.00	20.00	4.00	20.00	20.00	135.00	108.00
79	35.00	35.00	12.00	8.00	24.00	15.00	33.00	20.00	20.00	163.20	134.80
80	32.00	17.00	11.00	5.50	22.00	12.35	.....	18.00	18.00	117.00	71.85
81	88.00	70.00	30.00	30.00	60.00	40.00	54.00	50.00	50.00	385.00	331.00
82	44.00	34.00	15.00	10.00	30.00	28.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	188.00	155.25
83	26.00	8.00	9.00	5.00	18.00	12.00	2.00	15.00	15.00	110.50	46.50
84	35.00	35.00	12.00	12.00	24.00	24.00	44.00	20.00	20.00	175.00	175.00
85	18.00	18.00	6.00	3.00	12.00	7.00	12.00	10.00	10.00	88.00	60.00
86	9.00	9.00	3.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	.....	5.00	5.00	33.00	33.00

Reports to the

Collections for General Interests

No.	CHARGE.	Bible.	Tract.	CONFERENCE.		MINIS. EDU'N.		THEOL. SEMIN'Y.		SUPERANNUAT.	
				Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
87	Payson St.....	.10	.10	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	4.50	17.00	6.00
88	Pipe Creek.....	1.00	1.05	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	39.00
89	Pittsville.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	6.00	17.00	15.00
90	Pocomoke.....	.30	.25	2.00	1.50	4.00	3.00	12.00	10.00	25.00	9.00
91	Pocomoke City.	7.05	3.00	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	32.00	32.00	68.00	68.00
92	Potomac.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.50	2.00	2.00	10.00	8.00	21.00	15.00
93	Powellsville...	.50	.50	2.00	.90	4.00	1.75	12.00	5.25	25.00	10.00
94	Prince Geo., Va.	.....	.....	1.00	.25	2.00	.50	4.00	.50	8.00	1.00
95	Quantico.....	1.70	.25	2.00	1.50	4.00	2.00	12.00	8.00	25.00	9.00
96	Queen Anne...	1.36	1.52	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	12.00	12.00	25.00	25.00
97	Reliance.....	.50	.50	2.00	.75	4.00	1.00	12.00	2.50	25.00	3.00
98	Remington.....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	21.00	9.00
99	Rowlandville...	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	12.00	10.00	25.00	6.00
100	Salem.....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	10.00	21.00	21.00
101	Salisbury.....	.50	2.11	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00
102	Seaford.....	2.25	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	26.00
103	Snow Hill.....	1.29	1.29	3.00	1.50	5.00	3.00	14.00	7.50	30.00	16.00
104	S. Baltimore...	.50	1.00	3.00	2.15	5.00	4.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	31.00
105	Starr.....	5.00	10.00	8.00	5.00	13.00	10.00	40.00	40.00	86.00	60.00
106	Stewartstown..	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	17.00	20.00
107	St. James'.....	5.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	42.00	42.00
108	St. John's Cant.	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	6.00	14.00	14.00
109	St. Luke's.....	.50	.50	4.00	3.50	6.00	2.00	20.00	2.43	42.00	† 15.00
110	St. Michael's...	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	12.00	12.00	25.00	25.00
111	Susquehanna...	1.00	1.15	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	42.00	42.00
112	Sussex.....	1.38	1.50	3.00	2.25	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	27.00
113	Talbot.....	.25	.25	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	17.00	17.00
114	Trinity.....	2.00	1.75	5.00	3.00	8.00	6.70	24.00	18.00	51.00	34.00
115	Tyreeanna.....	.25	.25	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	3.00	8.00	7.00
116	Union.....	2.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	20.35	42.00	15.00
117	Union Bridge..	8.34	10.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	†† 40.00
118	Waltersville...	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	12.00	12.00	25.00	25.00
119	Warwick.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	3.00	12.00	8.00	25.00	15.00
120	Waverly.....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	11.00
121	W. Baltimore..	2.75	10.54	8.00	8.00	13.00	13.00	40.00	40.00	86.00	86.00
122	Westminster...	3.00	20.39	7.00	5.00	11.00	8.00	36.00	36.00	76.00	49.00
123	Williamsport...	.....	.....	2.00	1.00	2.00	.25	6.00	.25	14.00	2.00
124	Wilmington...	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	8.00	4.00	17.00	8.00
125	W. Wilmington	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	7.00
126	Wye.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	17.00	17.00
127	Chatsworth, Ind	10.00	15.00	.....	2.00	.....	10.00	.....	25.00	.....	50.00
128	St. John's (Ind.)	50.00	12.41	.....	.50	.....	*325.00	.....	.....	.....	80.00
Totals.....		431.58	417.84	376.00	300.17	595.00	840.85	1,874.00	1,582.98	3,978.00	3,021.98

* St. Johns' Independent Church contributed \$325 for the education of two young men at Western Maryland College who are preparing for the Ministry, and was not for General Distribution.

† \$5.00 was contributed to Superannuates direct, was not for General Distribution.

†† \$6.13 was contributed to Superannuates direct, not for General Distribution.

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No.	CHURCH EXTEN.		GENERAL HOME MISSIONS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.		Special for Foreign Missio's.	PRESIDENT'S SALARY.		TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
87	18.00	7.50	6.00	5.00	12.00	12.00	41.60	10.00	10.00	107.80	91.80
88	35.00	35.00	12.00	17.00	24.00	24.00	84.63	20.00	20.00	215.68	225.68
89	18.00	14.00	6.00	5.00	12.00	4.00	22.57	10.00	10.00	90.57	73.57
90	26.00	7.00	9.00	3.50	18.00	3.00	21.50	15.00	15.00	118.05	59.05
91	72.00	72.00	24.00	24.00	48.00	48.00	69.25	40.00	40.00	339.34	339.34
92	21.00	15.00	7.00	7.00	14.00	14.00	.....	12.00	12.00	79.00	65.25
93	26.00	11.45	9.00	3.90	18.00	7.90	.....	15.00	15.00	97.00	43.10
94	9.00	1.00	3.00	.75	6.00	.....	1.00	5.00	5.00	34.00	5.00
95	26.00	14.62	9.00	7.00	18.00	4.00	5.47	15.00	12.00	103.42	53.54
96	26.00	26.00	9.00	13.34	18.00	18.00	29.00	15.00	15.00	127.88	132.22
97	26.00	3.00	9.00	1.00	18.00	.75	25.35	15.00	15.00	122.37	38.35
98	21.00	2.00	7.00	4.00	14.00	.....	13.00	12.00	12.00	77.00	38.00
99	26.00	7.00	9.00	5.00	18.00	5.00	.....	15.00	15.00	97.00	40.00
00	21.00	21.00	7.00	7.00	14.00	1.00	24.50	12.00	12.00	112.50	89.50
01	35.00	35.00	12.00	12.00	24.00	10.00	26.17	20.00	20.00	155.17	143.78
02	35.00	35.00	12.00	12.00	24.00	20.00	37.33	20.00	20.00	174.58	158.08
03	32.00	17.00	11.00	5.00	22.00	11.50	22.08	18.00	18.00	141.66	86.66
04	35.00	31.00	12.00	10.00	24.00	21.00	7.18	20.00	20.00	152.68	123.83
05	88.00	60.00	30.00	15.00	60.00	68.58	136.73	50.00	50.00	476.73	410.31
06	18.00	18.00	6.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	63.03	10.00	10.00	131.03	139.03
07	44.00	44.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	24.90	25.00	25.00	194.90	194.90
08	14.00	14.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	8.00	8.00	59.00	59.00
09	44.00	25.00	15.00	5.00	30.00	10.00	3.10	25.00	25.00	190.10	67.03
10	26.00	26.00	9.00	9.00	18.00	18.00	20.03	15.00	15.00	118.03	118.03
11	44.00	44.00	15.00	20.00	30.00	30.00	53.86	25.00	25.00	217.01	222.01
12	35.00	23.25	12.00	11.00	24.00	.....	31.80	20.00	20.00	163.60	142.18
13	18.00	9.00	6.00	5.00	12.00	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	66.00	56.50
14	53.00	36.00	18.00	12.00	36.00	24.00	36.67	30.00	30.00	235.42	174.12
15	9.00	8.00	3.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	36.50	33.50
16	44.00	15.00	15.00	5.00	30.00	3.40	91.34	25.00	25.00	252.34	161.09
17	35.00	35.00	12.00	12.00	24.00	24.00	68.84	20.00	20.00	216.18	222.31
18	26.00	26.00	9.00	9.00	18.00	18.00	10.00	15.00	15.00	108.00	108.00
19	26.00	18.00	9.00	8.00	18.00	14.00	26.00	15.00	15.00	122.00	90.00
20	14.00	11.00	5.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	7.00	8.00	4.95	65.00	42.00
21	88.00	69.00	30.00	31.46	60.00	60.27	370.70	50.00	50.00	690.72	690.72
22	79.00	43.25	27.00	14.15	54.00	35.67	43.16	45.00	45.00	356.55	258.52
23	14.00	.50	5.00	.20	10.00	.....	8.00	8.00	8.00	51.00	10.45
24	18.00	10.00	6.00	3.00	12.00	7.00	13.00	10.00	10.00	88.00	50.00
25	18.00	9.00	6.00	2.00	12.00	5.00	2.00	10.00	10.00	68.50	31.50
26	18.00	18.00	6.00	12.00	12.00	.....	23.00	10.00	10.00	81.00	87.00
27	.....	30.00	.....	10.00	.....	60.00	40.00	.....	.....	.....	252.00
28	.....	16.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	140.00	.....	.....	623.91	623.91
											4,150.00 3,021.60 1,415.00 1,119.10 2,830.00 1,771.63 4,171.66 2,351.00 2,337.75 18,418.42 19,017.09

Membership Statistics

No.	CHARGES.	No. Unstationed Min'rs & Prea'rs.	Probationers.	Members.	PROBATIONERS.						
					No. on Roll at last Con- ference.	Rec'd during the year.	Elected to Membership.	Withdra'n by Certificate.	Discontin'u'd	Deceased.	Now on Roll
1	Accomac		15	323	12	17	13	....	1	....	15
2	Amelia			173	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
3	Alexandria	2	12	194	32	5	23	1	3	....	12
4	Baltimore		3	172	....	6	8	....	6	....	3
5	Bedford	1	37	246	38	26	21	....	7	....	37
6	Belair	1	7	225	....	7	....	....	....	....	7
7	Bethel		2	13	4	1	1	....	....	....	2
8	Broadway	2	19	223	2	41	28	....	8	1	19
9	Bethany	1	54	122	58	40	22	....	2	....	54
10	Brooklyn			59	4	....	....	....	4	....	....
11	Beaver Dam		8	173	24	12	24	....	4	....	8
12	Cambridge	1	48	226	6	6	6	....	....	....	48
13	Caroline		18	218	20	31	14	....	18	1	18
14	Campbell & Ty'a			120	....	23	23	....	1	....	....
15	Cecil		23	304	11	30	18	....	....	....	23
16	Central	2		118	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
17	Centreville		20	143	20	6	....	....	6	....	20
18	Chesapeake	2	17	101	19	3	1	....	....	....	22
19	Chestertown		16	188	....	16	....	....	....	....	....
20	Christ Church	1	5	139	12	28	27	....	8	....	5
21	Clayton	1	20	190	168	4	12	....	140	....	20
22	Concord		19	221	3	16	....	....	....	....	19
23	Conquest		11	203	34	2	16	....	8	....	11
24	Crisfield		82	209	....	82	....	....	....	....	82
25	Crumpton		14	150	2	13	....	....	1	....	15
26	Cumberland		28	127	2	21	....	....	....	....	23
27	Chincoteague		30	96	21	30	14	....	7	....	30
28	Delmar		11	209	18	38	45	....	....	....	11
29	Deer Park	1	6	205	4	10	8	....	....	....	6
30	Deer Creek	1	6	221	10	4	4	....	....	....	6
31	Delta		35	174	36	60	38	4	19	....	35
32	Dorchester			353	....	10	10	....	....	4	....
33	Dover			104	....	6	6	....	....	....	....
34	East Baltimore		25	216	17	25	17	....	....	....	25
35	Easton			196	7	....	....	....	....	....	....
36	Elizabeth		20	257	22	21	23	....	....	....	20
37	Eutaw		1	84	1	....	....	....	....	....	1
38	Evergreen		4	40	7	2	6	....	....	....	4
39	Fairfax	3	7	128	12	9	9	....	1	....	7
40	Fawn Grove		14	319	32	23	38	....	3	....	14
41	Finksburg		20	377	22	9	8	3	20
42	Fairview & Vite	1	12	66	31	19	12
43	First Church, W.			125	4	4

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No.	FULL MEMBERS.							BAPT' MS		SABBATH SCHOOLS.				CONVER- SIONS.	
	No. on Roll at last Con- ference.	Rec'd from Probation.	Received by Certificate.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	Now on Roll.	Adults.	Infants.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Schol'rs Received.	Scholars on Roll.	In School.	In Congre- gation.
1	304	13	8	1	...	1	323	...	4	3	51	10	285	9	8
2	155	18	1	2	...	3	173	8	1	3	33	45	176	...	8
3	193	23	5	2	15	3	194	1	8	1	28	57	261	1	3
4	188	8	...	...	6	...	180	1	11	3	25	25	162	2	14
5	241	21	2	...	12	4	246	10	71	5	40	20	252	...	34
6	239	...	1	1	4	...	225	1	6	4	42	17	233	1	6
7	12	1	...	...	...	...	13	1	21	2	14	67	101	1	...
8	201	28	13	...	23	2	223	...	21	1	23	50	390	28	20
9	90	22	5	5	...	...	122	4	29	1	18	6	151	16	51
10	100	...	1	34	8	...	59	...	2	1	13	3	88	...	...
11	148	24	9	...	6	2	173	...	2	3	20	10	190	...	12
12	219	6	4	3	...	...	226	1	12	3	50	45	350	20	60
13	233	14	7	...	33	3	218	...	30	6	59	70	340	8	23
14	98	23	1	...	...	...	120	3	...	1	8	4	30	...	28
15	321	18	4	8	26	5	304	7	6	5	69	30	332	18	39
16	118	1	1	4	18	...	118	...	2	1	49	37	72	...	...
17	164	...	4	7	10	4	143	...	8	1	21	30	140	...	15
18	119	1	2	1	11	4	101	1	7	2	30	...	121	1	...
19	182	...	6	...	...	...	188	...	6	1	40	10	295	4	26
20	114	27	9	2	7	2	139	1	17	1	24	55	287	12	23
21	259	12	1	2	80	...	190	...	7	3	35	...	140	...	9
22	261	...	...	...	40	5	219	6	2	3	62	...	149	9	14
23	234	17	...	...	37	7	203	3	3	5	30	112	397	...	6
24	213	...	5	4	7	...	209	5	26	1	30	56	356	76	24
25	99	...	...	...	...	...	150	1	3	3	33	14	147	...	24
26	125	...	2	...	...	...	127	3	16	1	22	18	169	...	30
27	77	14	9	1	...	3	96	3	7	1	19	15	124	5	36
28	165	45	5	4	2	...	209	1	14	2	25	40	290	13	32
29	200	8	...	3	...	...	205	...	40	4	50	10	250	2	10
30	217	4	...	...	...	...	221	2	12	2	30	9	170	...	1
31	129	38	6	1	...	...	174	4	4	2	34	49	234	21	49
32	332	10	20	5	...	4	353	...	19	4	55	75	407	3	7
33	96	6	6	3	...	1	104	...	6	1	17	6	130	2	4
34	203	17	11	...	...	2	218	1	6	1	28	58	224	19	17
35	200	7	9	4	14	2	196	...	2	1	20	10	170	...	...
36	245	23	11	8	14	...	257	2	8	1	39	49	419	16	7
37	67	...	19	...	1	1	84	1	6	2	25	18	131	...	...
38	35	6	4	3	1	1	40	...	...	1	17	...	95	...	2
39	121	9	3	1	3	1	128	9	5	4	45	55	235	4	10
40	293	26	1	...	...	1	319	5	19	3	41	38	380	16	9
41	363	8	9	2	1	...	377	1	15	4	59	24	434	7	7
42	46	19	1	...	...	...	66	...	10	2	28	19	142	5	17
43	172	4	9	5	51	4	125	...	32	1	19	51	278	...	4

Membership Statistics

No.	CHARGES.	No. Unstationed Min'rs & Prea'rs.	Probationers.	Members.	PROBATIONERS.						
					No. on Roll at last Con- ference.	Rec'd during the year.	Elected to Membership.	Withdrawn by Certificate.	Discontin'u'd	Deceased.	Now on Roll
44	Fox Hill.....		3	42							
45	Franklin City..	1		324		5	5				
46	Frederick.....		37	163	23	18	3		1		37
47	Felton.....	1	45	164	17	38	9				45
48	Frederica.....		73	109	85	16	11		32		109
49	Georget'n, D. C.	1	2	226		10	8				2
50	Georget'n, Del..	2	142	243	92	95	6		38	1	142
51	Grove.....		16	126	27	5	15			1	16
52	Greenwood.....		24	186	39	31	10		36		24
53	Hampden.....	3	100	454	300	22	125	1	75	3	100
54	Harper's Ferry..		44	176	9	38	26		7		4
55	Harrington.....		3	241	20	30	28	1			
56	Heathsville.....		17	298		23	6				17
57	Howard.....		4	184	5	4	1		4		4
58	Hurlocks.....		5	125	4	2	1				5
59	Holly Run.....		3	120	11	2	5		3		3
60	Indian River....		12	39	12						12
61	Jefferson.....			105							
62	Kennedyville....		7	12	3	9	2		3		7
63	Kempton.....	2	5	336	11	5	11				5
64	Kent Island.....		19	143	2	19	2				19
65	Laurel.....	1	14	214	17	6	9				14
66	Lewistown.....	2		126	1	3	4				
67	Liberty.....			249	10		9		2		
68	Lisbon.....		4	317	14	39	38		11		4
69	Lynchburg.....	1		141		2	2				
70	Mardela.....	2	7	184	3	11	6				8
71	Mariners.....	1	21	285	4	140	126		12		21
72	Middleway.....	1	8	95	11	1	1		3		8
73	Milton.....	2	19	86	18	18	13		4		19
74	Mt. Tabor.....			83	3	4	4				
75	Mt. Nebo.....			59	4		1				
76	Marley.....		6	88		11	5				5
77	Newark.....	2	10	299	14	18	22				10
78	N. C. Avenue..	1	2	84		2					2
79	New Market.....		33	338	46	33	39		7		33
80	N. Baltimore...	3		118							
81	Oxford.....			172		4	4				
82	Oak Grove.....	1		54		4					4
83	Parksley.....			60	5				5		
84	Pipe Creek.....			193							
85	Pittsville.....		47	178	39	8					47
86	Pocomoke.....	1	5	178	9	5	5			1	6

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No.	FULL MEMBERS.							BAPTISMS.		SABBATH SCHOOLS.				CONVERSIONS.	
	No. on Roll at last Conference.	Rec'd from Probation.	Received by Certificate.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	Now on Roll	Adults.	Infants.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Schol's Received.	Scholars on Roll.	In School.	In Congregation.
44	38	2	2	....	1	...	42	....	...	1	14	22	92	...	3
45	320	5	...	1	...	...	324	2	6	4	45	26	310	...	5
46	164	3	2	5	...	1	163	...	17	4	56	47	396	...	37
47	155	9	...	1	3	3	164	...	34	3	25	25	190	18	20
48	141	14	2	...	32	...	109	...	...	1	14	18	145	13	8
49	277	8	8	3	21	2	266	...	21	1	22	42	186	...	11
50	290	6	10	8	53	2	243	5	28	3	40	21	350	...	111
51	214	15	1	2	...	2	226	...	5	4	45	17	170	...	10
52	176	10	3	...	...	...	189	3	10	2	20	12	160	16	18
53	332	125	11	9	8	3	454	2	31	1	43	125	554	15	16
54	138	26	13	1	...	1	176	9	5	2	14	65	174	...	52
55	241	28	1	1	...	...	250	...	6	2	30	103	360	...	20
56	405	6	4	...	...	1	298	11	...	3	36	67	380	...	35
57	181	1	2	...	...	...	184	...	18	3½	40	...	231	...	4
58	119	1	6	...	1	...	125	...	15	3	21	16	113	...	4
59	120	5	2	2	2	3	120	...	15	4	34	6	176	2	1
60	39	...	...	...	...	...	39	...	...	1	4	...	25	...	...
61	100	1	4	...	...	...	105	...	4	2	20	5	130	...	3
62	134	2	...	9	2	1	124	1	23	1	19	5	73	3	6
63	335	11	1	1	4	6	336	1	6	4	64	...	418	4	1
64	140	2	4	7	2	4	143	...	26	2	20	10	185	...	40
65	200	9	8	1	1	1	214	1	17	1	21	30	210	5	1
66	124	4	...	1	...	1	126	2	19	2	25	12	260	2	1
67	255	7	...	9	...	4	249	...	2	4	55	32	280	...	...
68	326	38	...	2	42	3	317	1	34	4	55	...	345	...	...
69	141	2	6	6	...	2	141	3	4	1	17	4	108	...	5
70	178	6	1	...	...	1	184	...	4	3	50	4	180	11	3
71	178	102	17	...	8	5	285	7	20	1	20	150	250	15	155
72	116	1	...	3	10	2	95	1	5	2	14	10	75	2	7
73	87	13	...	...	12	2	86	2	31	1	10	10	97	12	10
74	95	4	1	...	13	...	83	...	4	1	21	9	73	1	...
75	74	1	...	2	15	...	59	...	1	1	6	...	46	...	...
76	85	5	...	1	...	1	88	1	23	2	17	30	150	...	12
77	289	22	7	5	9	5	299	2	3	1	34	35	230	4	25
78	86	...	1	2	...	1	84	1	1	1	9	15	66	...	3
79	315	39	3	3	20	6	328	3	7	4	63	43	431	26	33
80	102	6	14	...	3	1	118	...	6	1	17	67	127	...	3
81	172	4	1	...	...	5	172	...	12	1	32	20	150	...	4
82	153	...	2	1	...	...	154	...	...	1	17	14	61	5	2
83	63	...	...	2	1	...	60	...	...	1	14	10	100	...	...
84	168	29	2	3	...	3	93	2	12	2	36	26	168	8	21
85	181	...	...	...	...	3	178	...	6	3	40	13	218	...	9
86	234	5	...	4	4	3	183	1	5	3	33	10	175	4	5

Membership Statistics

No.	CHARGES.	No. Unstationed Min. & Prea's.	Probationers.	Members.	PROBATIONERS.						
					No. on Roll at last Con- ference.	Rec'd during the Year.	Elected to Members'p.	Withdrawn by Certificate	Discontin'd	Deceased.	Now on Roll
87	Pocomoke City.	1	16	295	27	13	10	....	5	....	16
88	Powellville.....		5	80	13	7	6	....	1	....	5
89	Patapsco.....	1	63	19	19	3	....	2	....	....	....
90	Payson Street...		3	50	18	1	7	....	9	....	3
91	Potomac.....	2	4	143	4	10	9	....	....	....	5
92	Prince George..		1	63	....	1	....	....	....	....	1
93	Quantico.....	1	10	153	9	6	5	....	....	....	10
94	Queen Anne's..	2	19	157	67	3	12	....	13	....	9
95	Reliance.....		....	165	3	40	30	....	10	....	....
96	Rowlandsville..		....	100	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
97	Remington.....		12	132	13	38	20	....	4	2	12
98	St. John's, Cant.	1	8	88	14	42	30	2	4	....	8
99	St. James'.....		17	175	14	10	6	....	1	....	17
100	St. Michael's...	1	23	119	15	33	11	2	8	....	23
101	St. Luke's.....	2	....	133	2	7	7	....	....	....	....
102	Salisbury.....		45	247	33	39	25	2	....	....	45
103	Seaford.....		23	200	34	31	30	....	....	....	23
104	Snow Hill.....		18	198	5	15	....	2	....	....	18
105	Salem.....	1	9	102	....	11	2	....	....	....	9
106	South Baltimore	4	12	136	3	18	15	....	....	....	12
107	Starr.....	1	2	267	....	4	2	....	....	....	2
108	Stewartstown...		24	241	19	18	5	....	8	....	24
109	Susquehanna...		9	209	9	6	....	....	6	....	9
110	Sussex.....		13	271	7	28	15	....	....	....	13
111	Talbot.....		3	37	6	....	....	....	6	....	3
112	Trinity.....		22	194	27	19	23	....	1	....	22
113	Union.....	2	48	291	11	76	37	....	....	....	48
114	Union Bridge..		7	119	1	8	3	....	....	....	8
115	Waltersville....		18	174	7	11	....	....	....	....	18
116	Warwick.....		....	119	7	7	14	....	....	....	....
117	Washington St.		7	469	18	7	10	....	....	....	16
118	Waverly.....	1	5	73	9	1	5	....	....	....	5
119	West Baltimore.	4	54	426	74	14	29	1	1	1	54
120	Westminster....	2	10	244	9	16	12	....	2	1	10
121	WilliamSPORT...		5	58	....	9	4	....	....	....	....
122	Wilmington....	2	....	....	26	20	30	5	6	5	....
123	W. Wilmington		22	72	8	23	10	....	....	2	22
124	Wye.....		....	76	7	....	....	....	7	....	....
125	Tyreanna.....		....	100	....	15	15	....	....	....	....
126	Leipsic.....		....	63	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
127	Millsboro.....		....	178	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Totals.....		76	1960	21,663	1999	1508	23	468	23	1751
Report of 1897..		73	2090	22,072	2396	1591	10	426	24

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No.	FULL MEMBERS.							BAPT'MS		SABBATH SCHOOLS.				CONV'RS	
	No. on Roll last Conference.	Rec'd form Probation.	Received by Certificate.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	Now on Roll	Adults.	Infants.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars Rec'd.	Scholars on Roll.	In Schools.	In Congregation.
87	298	19	3	2	15	3	295	...	11	2	35	....	240	7	6
88	177	6	1	1	95	2	80	...	...	1	4	....	35	...	12
89	35	63	1	...	16	3	80	1	21	1	13	....	125	9	75
90	58	7	...	5	7	3	50	...	11	1	18	104	185	1	2
91	138	9	5	1	...	3	142	2	13	2	15	12	132	4	5
92	64	...	...	...	...	1	63	...	...	2	16	2	46	2	...
93	150	5	...	2	...	...	153	...	21	4	30	7	151	...	15
94	136	12	4	3	12	4	157	...	9	2	28	22	180	3	2
95	151	30	...	...	14	2	165	4	6	3	24	55	190	35	7
96	80	30	...	...	7	3	100	...	19	2	25	...	100	20	10
97	150	20	5	9	16	...	132	...	8	1	25	60	210	9	38
98	69	30	8	...	15	...	88	1	5	1	18	100	200	8	42
99	172	6	5	3	...	6	175	2	16	2	29	...	150	5	10
100	126	11	...	2	13	3	119	...	5	2	25	30	125	...	31
101	130	2	4	2	...	...	133	2	5	1	35	40	320	...	6
102	227	25	10	7	6	2	247	6	8	2	27	54	244	20	24
103	172	30	4	1	3	2	200	2	14	1	15	36	140	...	30
104	236	...	5	6	83	4	198	1	15	2	16	10	160	16	9
105	102	2	1	1	1	1	102	...	2	1	16	15	96	8	3
106	139	15	3	1	22	...	135	...	28	1	28	26	180	...	12
107	275	2	23	8	20	5	267	2	60	1	30	18	260	2	15
108	229	5	13	4	1	2	241	...	6	2	32	47	312	8	24
109	212	...	2	2	...	3	209	1	13	3	32	9	149	3	3
110	256	15	3	1	7	3	271	7	20	4	59	5	315	6	38
111	38	...	...	...	...	1	37	...	...	2	14	35	70	...	15
112	177	23	3	1	5	3	194	1	11	2	28	78	277	2	25
113	249	37	7	...	...	1	291	...	33	4	60	50	350	...	116
114	112	2	1	...	2	1	119	2	4	2	35	14	176	1	1
115	189	1	...	3	13	...	174	...	...	1	21	...	178	...	29
116	66	14	...	3	5	...	119	...	12	3	26	10	120	2	10
117	450	11	13	1	...	5	469	...	19	1	38	6	440	...	10
118	113	5	...	16	19	2	73	...	14	1	26	80	160	1	2
119	411	29	16	21	1	5	426	1	17	1	42	160	556	...	19
120	229	12	6	1	...	2	244	1	7	1	26	21	147	...	16
121	...	4	...	...	...	2	58	6	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
122	116	30	10	5	18	7	126	10	31	1	15	60	150	10	80
123	59	10	3	...	...	2	70	3	28	1	18	50	232	18	25
124	80	...	1	1	3	1	76	...	9	2	26	74	129	...	...
125	77	15	8	...	...	3	100	18	...	2	16	14	105	5	21
126	63	...	...	...	...	1	62	...	6	1	9	3	68	...	...
127	...	...	...	...	...	...	178	...	...	3	28	168	168	...	...
.....	1535	576	328	1120	234	...	219	1679	2684	3672	3962	25775	683	2223	
.....	1639	416	391	1234	295	...	312	1555	2634	3486	3604	25200	876	2446	

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CHARGES.	No. of Ap- pointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Church Pa- pers Taken.	Our S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt.	Insured ?
Accomac.....	3	3	1	30	100	.....	\$ 7,000	\$ 200.00	Partly.
Amelia.....	3	3	1	12	.....	128	2,700	150.50	Partly.
Alexandria ...	1	1	1	15	265	.....	1,900	2,500.00	Yes.
Baltimore.....	3	3	1	.....	12	.....	8,000	675.00	No.
Bedford.....	6	6	1	29	250	350	12,635	43.00	No.
Belair.....	4	4	1	27	150	200	12,000	400.00	Partly.
Bethel.....	2	1	..	.....	14	16	1,000	.....	Yes.
Broadway.....	1	1	1	13	.....	5	25,000	8,500.00	Yes.
Bethany.....	1	1	..	3	.....	200	3,000	.....	Yes.
Brooklyn.....	1	1	1	12	73	.....	15,000	4,120.00	Yes.
Beaver Dam..	3	3	1	8	50	75	4,000	.....	No.
Cambridge....	3	3	1	20	300	.....	8,000	1,000.00	Yes.
Caroline.....	6	6	1	20	395	400	9,000	1,250.00	Partly.
Campbell&T'a.	5	4	..	3	.....	.....	1,500	.....	.....
Cecil.....	5	5	1	.....	320	365	13,000	250.00	Yes.
Central.....	1	1	..	.....	138	500	85,000	32,000.00	Yes.
Centreville...	1	1	1	25	158	.....	16,500	500.00	Yes.
Chesapeake...	2	2	1	19	.....	140	8,500	.....	Partly.
Chestertown..	1	1	1	45	250	400	40,000	.....	Yes.
Christ Church.	1	1	..	4	290	125	2,700	1,330.00	Yes.
Clayton.....	3	3	1	16	125	75	6,600	500.00	Yes.
Concord.....	4	4	1	12	185	.....	3,500	.....	Partly.
Conquest.....	4	4	..	20	300	.....	7,000	700.00	Partly.
Crisfield.....	1	1	1	12	337	.....	25,000	5,700.00	Yes.
Crumpton.....	3	3	1	4	.....	4	6,400	100.00	Partly.
Cumberland..	1	1	1	19	195	300	4,000	.....	Yes.
Chincoteague..	1	1	1	2	85	140	3,000	61.00	Partly.
Delmar.....	2	2	1	30	250	75	7,000	400.00	Yes.
Deer Creek....	3	3	1	10	275	.....	6,250	.....	.....
Deer Park....	4	4	1	5	250	500	7,800	400.00	Yes.
Delta.....	2	2	1	9	215	120	7,000	1,247.00	Yes.
Dorchester..	5	5	1	12	150	150	11,600	.....	Yes.
Dover&L'ipsic	1	1	..	16	175	225	6,000	1,400.00	Yes.
E. Baltimore..	1	1	1	27	275	125	23,000	850.00	Yes.
Easton.....	1	1	1	40	.....	350	15,000	.....	Yes.
Elizabeth.....	1	1	..	11	600	425	15,000	5,400.00	Yes.
Eutaw.....	3	2	1	16	137	10	4,000	.....	Yes.
Evergreen....	1	1	..	2	.....	85	1,600	400.00	Yes.
Fairfax.....	4	3	..	8	175	.....	4,500	.....	Yes.
Fawn Grove..	3	3	1	10	430	250	6,000	.....	Partly.
Fairview&Vi'e	2	2	..	3	140	125	2,700	100.00	Partly.
Finksburg....	4	4	1	50	375	200	16,000	1,200.00	Partly.
First Ch., Wash	1	1	1	5	65	278	28,000	13,000.00	Yes.
Fox Hill.....	1	1	..	12	36	.....	500	.....	Yes.
Franklin City.	4	4	1	12	375	150	7,000	340.00	Partly.
Frederick....	4	4	..	20	255	554	.....	.....	Partly.
Felton.....	4	4	..	10	100	300	3,750	Partly.
Frederica.....	1	1	..	5	140	22,000	50.00	Yes.
Georget'n,D.C.	1	1	1	40	330	450	19,000	Yes.

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CHARGE S.	No. of Ap- pointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Church Pa- pers Taken.	Our S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt.	Insured ?
Georget'n, Del.	3	3	..	30	95	75	\$ 5,100	\$ 55.00	Yes.
Grove	4	4	1	12	.....	.....	6,500	.....	Partly.
Greenwood ...	2	2	1	18	150	150	5,200	.....	Yes.
Hampden	1	1	1	16	667	168	16,500	250.00	Yes.
Harper's Ferry	2	1	1	14	120	200	6,000	.....	No.
Harrington ...	2	2	1	33	250	.....	8,000	.....	Yes.
Heathsville ...	6	6	1	36	180	275	19,000	144.33	No.
Howard	4	4	1	20	.....	200	7,200	.....	Yes.
Hurlocks	3	3	1	5	135	119	4,000	775.00	Yes.
Holly Run	4	4	1	12	100	200	6,300	68.87	Partly.
Jefferson	3	3	1	22	100	.....	25,000	.....	Yes.
Kennedyville..	1	1	1	22	75	175	6,000	100.00	No.
Kemptown....	4	4	1	17	60	250	5,000	.....	Partly.
Kent Island...	2	2	1	28	.....	100	10,800	.....	Partly.
Indian River..	1	1	..	.....	.....	.....	600	.....	No.
Laurel	1	1	1	17	153	.....	10,500	.....	Yes.
Leipsic	1	1	..	2	80	.....	3,000	.....	Yes.
Lewistown....	3	3	..	4	.....	150	2,500	.....	Partly.
Liberty	4	4	1	30	229	613	11,200	.....	Yes.
Lisbon	5	5	1	31	200	800	10,500	.....	Yes.
Lynchburg...	1	1	..	10	50	200	15,000	.....	Yes.
Mardela	3	3	1	19	160	.....	6,000	275.00	Partly.
Mariners	2	1	1	5	250	.....	5,500	350.00	Yes.
Middleway....	3	3	1	4	.....	.....	2,000	11.00	Partly.
Milton	1	1	1	4	100	.....	2,000	100.00	Partly.
Mount Tabor..	1	1	..	4	127	250	8,000	287.96	Yes.
Mount Nebo..	1	1	1	4	54	.....	4,600	125.00	Yes.
Marley	2	2	..	5	180	70	3,000	.....	Yes.
Newark	1	1	..	38	475	500	36,000	.....	Yes.
N. C. Avenue.	1	1	..	8	80	120	22,500	7,857.00	No.
New Market..	4	4	1	25	389	335	13,500	850.00	Yes.
N. Baltimore..	1	1	..	26	105	.....	20,000	2,693.00	Yes.
Oxford	1	1	1	12	190	127	6,000	.....	Yes.
O. G., R.&P.G.	1	1	1	9	90	68	1,500	.....	No.
Parksley	1	1	..	10	100	34	4,000	750.00	Yes.
Pipe Creek....	2	2	1	20	50	500	10,000	.....	Yes.
Pittsville....	3	3	1	16	107	350	11,000	.....	Partly.
Pocomoke....	4	4	1	12	225	160	900	.....	Partly.
Pocomoke City	2	2	1	41	256	300	15,000	.....	Yes.
Powellville ...	4	4	1	7	50	.....	35,000	65.00	Partly.
Patapsco	1	1	..	.....	.....	.....	1,200	.....	No.
Payson Street.	1	1	..	6	100	250	1,900	.....	Yes.
Potomac	2	2	1	18	175	350	6,000	175.00	Yes.
Prince George.	2	2	..	.....	82	.....	800	.....	No.
Quantico	5	5	1	2	75	.....	3,600	10.00	Partly.
Queen Anne's.	2	2	1	21	200	50	2,800	600.00	Partly.
Reliance	3	3	1	10	30	50	4,000	203.00	Partly.
Rowlandville..	3	3	1	6	200	5,000	Yes.
Remington....	1	1	..	2	175	200	8,000	4,500.00	Yes.

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CHARGES.	No. of Ap- pointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Church Pa- pers Taken.	Our S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt.	Insured ?
St. James'.....	2	2	1	24	160	240	\$ 8,500	.....	Yes.
St. John's, C'n.	1	1	..	10	290	140	1,500	.....	Yes.
St. Michael's..	2	2	1	25	200	230	7,000	.....	Partly.
St. Luke's.....	1	1	1	5	440	400	12,000	\$ 5,368.58	Partly.
Salisbury	2	2	1	40	200	267	10,000	.....	Yes.
Seaford.....	1	1	1	12	162	60	8,000	2,500.00	Yes.
Snow Hill.....	3	4	1	25	160	100	4,600	1,000.00	Yes.
Salem.....	1	1	1	1	.....	125	4,000	.....	Yes.
S. Baltimore..	1	1	1	10	280	203	23,000	1,600.00	Yes.
Starr	1	1	1	40	275	400	45,000	.....	Yes.
Stewartstown..	2	2	1	14	325	225	7,000	495.00	Partly.
Susquehanna..	3	3	1	30	157	600	11,000	.....	No.
Sussex.....	5	5	..	19	400	200	4,800	.....	Yes.
Talbot.....	2	2	..	12	.....	.....	2,000	.....	No.
Trinity.....	2	1	1	24	.....	.....	8,500	.....	Yes.
Tyreeanna....	2	2	..	7	.....	.....	2,250	.....	No.
Union.....	4	4	1	12	400	150	7,500	150.00	No.
Union Bridge.	2	2	1	21	190	106	10,500	800.00	Partly.
Waltersville..	1	1	..	18	.....	.....	2,000	.....	Yes.
Warwick.....	3	3	1	15	150	150	4,500	.....	No.
Washington-St	1	1	1	44	250	.....	54,000	.....	Yes.
Waverly.....	1	1	1	5	...	300	3,000	200.00	Yes.
W. Baltimore.	1	1	1	87	584	700	36,500	8,000.00	Yes.
Westminster..	1	1	1	40	161	275	25,500	787.00	Yes.
Williamsport..	3	3	..	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	No.
Wilmington...	1	1	..	10	150	.....	1,000	3,300.00	Yes.
W. Wilm'ngton	1	1	..	3	.....	200	3,600	2,075.00	Yes.
Wye.....	1	1	1	13	195	.....	3,000	400.00	Yes.
Millsboro'.....	1	1	..	.....	75	..	1,600	.....	Yes.
Totals.....	292	283	89	2012	20391	20552	1,254,185	117,219.28	
Report of 1897	280	278½	87	1963	19227	20524	1,207,031	114,156.97	

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CHARGES.	President's Salary.	Conference.	Seminary.	Ministerial Education.	Superannuates.	Foreign Missions.	General Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Totals.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Accomac.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Amelia.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	7.50	26.00	109.50
Alexandria.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
Baltimore.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	9.00	32.00	133.00
Beaver Dam.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	4.00	14.00	60.00
Bedford.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
Belair.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
Broadway.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Bethany.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
Brooklyn.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	7.50	26.00	109.50
Cambridge.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
Caroline.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
Campbell.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
Cecil.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
Central.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
Centreville.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Cheasapeake.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	9.00	32.00	133.00
Chestertown.....	40.00	6.00	32.00	10.00	68.00	48.00	20.00	72.00	296.00
Christ's Church.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	2.50	9.00	37.50
Clayton.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Concord.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Conquest.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	9.00	32.00	133.00
Crisfield.....	30.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	51.00	36.00	15.00	53.00	222.00
Crumpton.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	6.00	21.00	88.00
Cumberland.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	9.00	32.00	133.00
Chincoteague.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
Delmar.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Deer Creek.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	6.00	21.00	88.00
Deer Park.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	7.50	26.00	109.50
Delta.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	9.00	32.00	133.00
Dorchester.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Dover.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
East Baltimore.....	35.00	5.00	28.00	9.00	59.00	42.00	17.50	61.00	256.50
Easton.....	35.00	5.00	28.00	9.00	59.00	42.00	17.50	61.00	256.50
Elizabeth.....	35.00	5.00	28.00	9.00	59.00	42.00	17.50	61.00	256.50
Eutaw.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	9.00	32.00	133.00
Fairfax.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
Fawn Grove.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Fairview.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	4.00	14.00	60.00
Finksburg.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
First Church.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
Franklin City.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Frederick.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Felton.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	9.00	32.00	133.00

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CHARGES.	President's Salary.	Conference.	Seminary.	Ministerial Education.	Superannuates.	Foreign Missions.	General Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Totals.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Frederica.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
Georget'n, D. C.....	50.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	25.00	88.00	370.00
Georget'n, Del.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	6.00	21.00	88.00
Grove ..	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	9.00	32.00	133.00
Greenwood.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	9.00	32.00	133.00
Hampden... ..	30.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	51.00	36.00	15.00	53.00	222.00
Harper's Ferry.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	9.00	32.00	133.00
Harrington.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Heathsville.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
Howard.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	9.00	32.00	133.00
Hurlock.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
Holly Run.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	7.50	26.00	109.50
Jefferson.....	40.00	6.00	32.00	10.00	68.00	48.00	20.00	72.00	296.00
Kennedyville.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	7.50	26.00	109.50
Kemptown.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	9.00	32.00	133.00
Kent Island.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	9.00	32.00	133.00
Laurel, Del.....	32.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	53.00	40.00	16.00	55.00	233.00
Leipsic.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	4.00	14.00	60.00
Lewistown.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	4.00	14.00	60.00
Liberty.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Lisbon.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
Lynchburg.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
Mariner's.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Mardela.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
Middleway.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
Milton.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
Millville.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
Mt. Tabor.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Mt. Nebo.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	6.00	21.00	88.00
Marley.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	6.00	21.00	88.00
Newark.....	50.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	25.00	88.00	370.00
N. C. Avenue.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	9.00	32.00	133.00
New Market.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
N. Balto Mission.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Oxford.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Oak Grove.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	7.50	26.00	109.50
Prince Geo., Va.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	2.50	9.00	37.50
Parksley.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
Pipe Creek.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Pittsville.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	6.00	21.00	88.00
Pocomoke.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	7.50	26.00	109.50
Pocomoke City.....	40.00	6.00	32.00	10.00	68.00	48.00	20.00	72.00	296.00
Powellsville.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	7.50	26.00	109.50
Patapsco.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	2.50	9.00	37.50

Assessments for the Year Beginning April, 1898.

CHARGES.	President's Salary.	Conference.	Seminary.	Ministerial Education.	Superannuates.	Foreign Missions.	General Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Payson-st. Baltimore...	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
Potomac.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	7.50	26.00	109.50
Quantico.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	6.00	21.00	88.00
Queen Anne.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	6.00	21.00	88.00
Reliance.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	6.00	21.00	88.00
Rowlandville.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	6.00	21.00	88.00
Remington.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	6.00	21.00	88.00
St. James'.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
St. John's (Canton)....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
St. Michael's.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	7.50	26.00	109.50
St. Luke's.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
Salisbury.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Seaford.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Snow Hill.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	9.00	32.00	133.00
Salem.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	6.00	21.00	88.00
S. Baltimore.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Starr.....	50.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	25.00	88.00	370.00
Stewartstown.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	9.00	32.00	133.00
Susquehanna.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
Sussex.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Talbot.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
Trinity.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
Tyreeanna.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	2.50	9.00	37.50
Union.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	12.50	44.00	183.50
Union Bridge.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	10.00	35.00	147.00
Warwick.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	7.50	26.00	109.50
Washington St.....	50.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	25.00	88.00	370.00
Waltersville.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	7.50	26.00	109.50
Waverly.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	4.00	14.00	60.00
West Baltimore.....	50.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	25.00	88.00	370.00
Westminster.....	45.00	7.00	36.00	11.00	76.00	54.00	22.50	79.00	330.50
Williamsport.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	4.00	14.00	60.00
Wilmington.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
W. Wilmington.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	4.00	14.00	60.00
Wye Station.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
Bethel.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	2.50	9.00	37.50
Evergreen.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	2.50	9.00	37.50
Georgetown Circuit...	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	75.00
Violettsville.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	2.50	9.00	37.50
Totals.....	2,370	383	1,890	605	4,013	2,850	1,185	4,175	17,471

**Report of Church Extension Steward for the Year
Ending April, 1898.**

CHARGE.	Assessed.	Paid.	CHARGE.	Assessed.	Paid.
Accomac.....	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	Fox Hill.....	\$ 2.00	
Amelia.....	26.00	6.00	Frederica.....	\$ 18.00	4.00
Alexandria.....	44.00	24.00	Georgetown, Del..	35.00	35.00
Baltimore.....	32.00	15.00	Georgetown, D. C.	88.00	88.00
Barren Creek.....	18.00	5.00	Grove.....	32.00	2.00
Beaver Dam.....	18.00	3.00	Greenwood.....	32.00	32.00
Bedford.....		11.28	Hampden.....	61.00	27.88
Belair.....	44.00	37.00	Harper's Ferry. .	32.00	8.00
Bethel.....	9.00		Harrington.....	35.00	25.00
Broadway.....	35.00	35.00	Heathsville.....	44.00	27.50
Bethany.....	9.00	9.00	Howard.....	32.00	32.00
Brooklyn.....	26.00	11.25	Hurlock.....	18.00	11.00
Cambridge.....	44.00	38.00	Holly Run.....	26.00	8.00
Caroline.....	44.00	25.00	Indian River Miss.		2.39
Campbell.....	9.00	9.00	Jefferson.....	72.00	72.00
Cecil.....	44.00	44.00	Kennedyville.....	32.00	15.00
Central.....	44.00	44.00	Kempton.....	26.00	26.00
Centreville.....	35.00	35.00	Kent Island.....	32.00	32.00
Chesapeake.....	32.00	32.00	Laurel.....	55.00	45.00
Chestertown.....	72.00	72.00	Leipsic.....	14.00	2.00
Christ's Church...	9.00	9.00	Lewistown.....	14.00	14.00
Clayton.....	35.00	17.60	Liberty.....	35.00	35.00
Concord.....	35.00	12.00	Lisbon.....	44.00	44.00
Conquest.....	32.00	28.00	Lynchburg.....	44.00	5.00
Crisfield.....	53.00	12.00	Mariners.....	35.00	20.00
Crumpton.....	21.00	12.00	Middleway.....	18.00	6.00
Cumberland.....	32.00	16.00	Milton.....	18.00	15.00
Chincoteague.....	18.00	6.00	Mt. Tabor.....	25.00	23.00
Delmar.....	35.00	27.00	Mt. Nebo.....	21.00	1.00
Deer Creek.....	22.00	5.00	Marley.....	21.00	10.00
Deer Park.....	26.00	3.00	Newark.....	88.00	70.00
Delta.....	32.00	25.00	N. C. Avenue.....	32.00	17.00
Dorchester.....	35.00	4.00	New Market.....	44.00	34.00
Dover.....	18.00	5.00	N. Balto. Mission..	35.00	35.00
East Baltimore....	61.00	45.36	Oxford.....	35.00	35.00
Easton.....	61.00	140.00	Oak Grove.....	26.00	8.00
Elizabeth.....	61.00	61.00	Prince George, Va.	9.00	1.00
Eutaw.....	32.00	22.40	Parksley.....	18.00	18.00
Evergreen.....		2.50	Pipe Creek.....	35.00	35.00
Fairfax.....	14.00	14.00	Pittsville.....	18.00	14.00
Fawn Grove.....	35.00	16.00	Pocomoke.....	26.00	7.00
Fairv'w & Vi'letsv'e	14.00	11.00	Pocomoke City....	72.00	72.00
Finksburg.....	35.00	35.00	Powellville.....	26.00	11.45
First Church.....	44.00	17.00	Patapsco.....	9.00	9.00
Franklin City.....	35.00	6.00	Payson-St., Balto..	18.00	7.50
Frederick.....	32.00	25.00	Potomac.....	21.00	15.00
Felton.....	32.00	7.50	Quantico.....	26.00	14.62

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Ending April, 1898.

CHARGE.	Assessed.	Paid.	CHARGE.	Assessed.	Paid.
Queen Anne.....	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00	Trinity.....	\$ 53 00	\$ 36.00
Reliance.....	26.00	3.00	Tyreeanna.....	9.00	8.00
Rowlandville	26.00	7.00	Union.....	44.00	15.00
Remington.....	21.00	2.00	Union Bridge.....	35.00	35.00
Salisbury.....	35.00	35.00	Warwick.....	26.00	18.00
Salem	21.00	21.00	Washington-St....	88.00	88.00
Seaford.....	35.00	35.00	Waltersville.....	26.00	26.00
Snow Hill.....	32.00	17.00	Waverly.....	14.00	11.00
South Baltimore...	35.00	31.00	West Baltimore...	88.00	69.37
Starr.....	88.00	60.00	Westminster.....	79.00	43.25
St. James'.....	44.00	44.00	Williamsport.....	14.00	50
St. John's, Canton.	14.00	14.00	Wilmington.....	18.00	10.00
St. Luke's.....	44.00	25.00	West Wilmington.	18.00	9.00
St. Michaels	26.00	26.00	Wye.....	18.00	18.00
Stewartstown.....	18.00	18.00	Chatsworth, Ind... ..		30.00
Susquehanna.....	44.00	44.00	St. John's, "		16.00
Sussex.....	35.00	23.25			
Talbot.....	18.00	9.00		1,066.00	844.37

Report of the Foreign Missionary Steward.

CHARGES.	Sunday School.	Paid on Assessment.	Children's Day.	W. F. M. S.	Special.	TOTAL.	
						Assess.	Paid.
Accomac.....		\$ 24.00	\$ 31.70			\$ 24.00	\$ 55.70
Alexandria.....		15.00	20.00	\$27.50		30.00	62.50
Amelia.....		4.00	4.00			18.00	8.00
Baltimore.....		5.00	16.25			22.00	21.25
Barren Creek.....						12.00	
Bedford.....		2.00	6.18				8.18
Belair.....		24.00	21.40			30.00	45.40
Bethany.....		3.00	3.00		\$ 1.00	6.00	7.00
Bethel.....						6.00	
Broadway.....		24.02		13.00		24.00	37.02
Brooklyn.....		7.00	15.90			18.00	22.90
Cambria.....							
Cambridge.....		15.00	15.00			30.00	30.00
Campbell.....		6.00				6.00	6.00
Canton (St. John's).....		10.00	5.00			10.00	15.00
Caroline.....		5.00	20.00			30.00	25.00
Cecil.....		30.00	45.00			30.00	75.00
Central.....		30.00	18.42	38.25		30.00	86.67
Centreville.....		24.00	33.37	10.00		24.00	67.37
Chesapeake.....		22.00	30.28			22.00	52.28
Chestertown.....		48.00	43.93		20.21	48.00	112.14
Chincoteague.....		9.00				12.00	9.00
Christ's Church.....		6.00	12.00			6.00	18.00
Clayton.....	\$ 1.53	2.70	23.07			24.00	27.30
Concord.....		12.00	9.04			24.00	21.04
Conquest.....		3.00	10.00			22.00	13.00
Crisfield.....		6.00	31.25			36.00	37.25
Crumpton.....		6.00	19.50			14.00	25.50
Cumberland.....		19.50	10.45		40.00	22.00	69.95
Deer Creek.....		14.00				14.00	14.00
Deer Park.....			17.00			18.00	17.00
Delmar.....		9.00	15.00			24.00	24.00
Delta.....		8.50	20.43			22.00	28.93
Dorchester.....			8.60			24.00	8.60
Dover.....			10.00			12.00	10.00
East Baltimore.....		33.00	9.20	77.05		42.00	119.25
Easton.....		35.17	10.58	39.25	34.00	42.00	118.00
Elizabeth City.....		42.00	24.22			42.00	66.22
Ellicott City.....							
Fairfax.....		6.00	18.00			10.00	24.00
Fairv'w&Vi'lets'v.....		9.25				10.00	9.25
Fawn Grove.....		5.00	32.61			24.00	37.61
Fox Hill.....			10.00				10.00
Evergreen.....		1.55	5.00				6.55
Beaver Dam.....		5.00	5.00			12.00	10.00
Eutaw.....		1.25	24.05		14.00	22.00	39.30
Felton.....		5.00	10.00			22.00	15.00
Federalburg.....							
Finksburg.....		24.00	53.23		11.00	24.00	88.23

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CHARGES.	Sunday School.	Paid on Assessment.	Children's Day.	W. F. M. S.	Special.	TOTAL.	
						Assess.	Paid.
First Church.....		\$ 5.00	\$ 25.88	\$22.41	\$ 2.20	\$ 30.00	\$ 55.49
Franklin City.....		8.00	10.00			24.00	18.00
Frederica.....		1.00	9.00			12.00	10.00
Frederick.....		16.00	35.00	42.00		22.00	93.00
Georgetown, D.C.		60.00	67.00	34.57	45.50	60.00	207.07
Georgetown, Del.		24.00	15.94			24.00	39.94
Greenwood.....		14.00	15 00			22.00	29.00
Grove.....		1.00	6.00		25.00	22.00	32.00
Hampden.....		6.00	20.00	55.00		42.00	81.00
Harper's Ferry....		10.00	14.00			22.00	24.00
Harrington.....		17.00	8.00			24.00	25.00
Heathsville.....		20.00	60 07		2.85	30.00	82.92
Holly Run.....		5.00	1.20			18.00	6.20
Howard.....			22.00		5.00	22.00	27.00
Hurlock.....		4.00	9.25			12.00	13.25
Indian River.....			8.14				8.14
Jefferson.....		48.41	109.05	17.09		48.00	174.55
Kempton.....		5.00	30.66			18.00	35.66
Kennedyville.....			11.03		3.00	22.00	14.03
Kent Island.....		4.00	18.00	20.00		22.00	42.00
Laurel, Del.	\$18.30	30.11	116.00	6.00		40.00	170.41
Leipsic.....			10.00			10.00	10.00
Liberty.....	10.22	24.00	52.00			24.00	86.22
Lisbon.....		30.00	70.00			30.00	100.00
Lynchburg.....		16.50	65.00	22.00		30.00	103.50
Mariner's		14.00	20.30			24.00	34.30
Marley.....		5.00	10.00			14.00	15.00
Middleway.....		25	4.00			12.00	4.25
Milton.....		5.00	10.00		5.00	12.00	20.00
Mt. Nebo.....			5.55			14.00	5.55
Mt. Tabor.....		20.00	4.00			24.00	24.00
Newark.....	40.00	40.00		14.00		60.00	94.00
Newcastle.....							
New Market.....		28.00	25.00			30.00	53.00
Nichols' Memorial							
N. Balto. Mission.		15.00	18.00	15.00		24.00	48.00
N. C. Avenue.....		12.35				22.00	12.35
Oak Grove.....		12.00			2.00	18.00	14.00
Oxford.....		24.00	22.00		22.00	24.00	68.00
Lewistown.....		10.00	7.00			10.00	17.00
Patapsco.....		6.00				6.00	6.00
Mardela.....		12.00	7.00				19.00
Parksley.....		7.00	12.00			12.00	19.00
Payson St., Balto.		12.00	6.70	30.90	4.00	12.00	53.60
Pipe Creek.....							
Pittsville.....		4.00	22.57			12.00	26.57
Pocomoke.....		3.00	20.00	50	1.00	18.00	24.50
Pocomoke City...		48.00	54.05		2.30	43.00	104.35
Potomac.....		14.00				14.00	14.00

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CHARGES.	Sunday School.	Paid on Assessment.	Children's Day.	W. F. M. S.	Special.	TOTAL.	
						Assess.	Paid.
Powellsville.....	\$ 7.90	.....	.....	.....	\$ 18.00	\$ 7.90
Prince George, Va.	\$ 1.00	.....	.....	6.00	1.00
Quantico.....	4.00	5.47	.....	.....	18.00	9.47
Queen Anne.....	18.00	29.00	.....	.....	18.00	47.00
Reliance.....	75	25.75	.....	.....	18.00	26.50
Remington Ave.....	13.00	.....	.....	14.00	13.00
Rowlandville.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	18.00	5.00
Salem.....	1.00	24.50	.....	.....	14.00	25.50
Salisbury.....	10.00	26.17	.....	.....	24.00	36.17
St. James'.....	30.00	6.50	\$ 18.40	.....	30.00	54.90
St. Luke's.....	10.00	3.10	.....	.....	30.00	13.10
St. Michael's.....	18.00	20.03	.....	.....	18.00	38.03
Seaford.....	20.00	37.33	.....	.....	24.00	57.33
Snow Hill.....	11.50	22.08	.....	.....	22.00	33.58
South Baltimore..	21.00	7.18	.....	.....	24.00	28.18
Starr.....	68.58	35.00	51.05	\$50.68	60.00	205.31
Stewartstown....	12.00	28.37	6.75	2.09	12.00	49.21
Susquehanna.....	30.00	34.61	19.25	.....	30.00	83.86
Sussex.....	55.80	.....	.....	24.00	55.80
Talbot.....	6.00	6.00	.....	.....	12.00	12.00
Towson.....
Trinity.....	24.00	36.67	.....	.....	36.00	60.67
Tyreeanna.....	6.00	3.36	.....	.....	6.00	9.36
Union.....	3.40	91.34	.....	.....	30.00	94.74
Union Bridge....	24.00	21.84	37.00	10.00	24.00	92.84
Warwick.....	14.00	26.00	.....	.....	18.00	40.00
Washington-St...	60.00	12.53	181.64	.....	60.00	254.17
Waverly.....	5.00	7.00	.....	.....	10.00	12.00
West Baltimore...	60.27	208.31	137.00	25.39	60.00	430.97
Westminster.....	35.67	15.91	27.25	.....	54.00	78.83
Williamsport.....	8.00	.....	.....	10.00	8.00
Wilmington, 1st..	7.00	13.00	.....	.....	12.00	20.00
Wilmington, 2nd..	5.00	2.00	.....	.....	12.00	7.00
Wye.....	25.00	.....	.....	12.00	25.00
Chatsworth (Ind)..	60.00	.....	40.00	.....	.....	100.00
Uniontown (P.C.)	24.00	23.38	61.25	.....	24.00	108.63
Waltersville.....	18.00	10.00	.....	.....	18.00	28.00
St. John's.....	140.00	140.00
Grand Total..	\$70.05	1,771.63	2,569.28	1,204.11	328.22	2,830.00	5,943.29

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CHARGES.	Amount of Assessment.	Amount Paid.	CHARGES.	Amount of Assessment.	Amount Paid.
Accomac	\$ 12.00	\$ 19.14	Franklin City	\$ 12.00	5.00
Alexandria	15.00	10.00	Frederica	6.00	2.00
Amelia	9.00	4.00	Frederick	11.00	8.00
Baltimore	11.00	5.00	Georgetown, D. C. .	30.00	30.00
Barren Creek	6.00	1.00	Georgetown, Del. .	12.00	12.00
Bedford		4.00	Greenwood	11.00	8.00
Belair	15.00	12.00	Grove	11.00	11.00
Bethany	3.00	3.00	Hampden	21.00	6.56
Bethel	3.00		Harper's Ferry . . .	11.00	2.00
Broadway	12.00	12.00	Harrington	12.00	9.00
Brooklyn	9.00	4.00	Heathsville	15.00	12.00
Cambria			Holly Run	9.00	2.00
Cambridge	15.00	10.00	Howard	11.00	6.00
Campbell	3.00	3.00	Hurlock	6.00	1.00
Canton (St. John's)	5.00	5.00	Indian River		
Caroline	15.00	10.00	Jefferson	24.00	40.14
Cecil	15.00	15.00	Kempton	9.00	9.00
Central	15.00	15.00	Kennedyville	11.00	8.75
Centreville	12.00	12.00	Kent Island	11.00	11.00
Chesapeake ?	11.00	11.00	Laurel, Del.	20.00	23.00
Chestertown	24.00	24.00	Leipsic	5.00	1.00
Chincoteague	6.00	3.00	Liberty	12.00	12.00
Christ's Church . . .	3.00	3.00	Lisbon	15.00	15.00
Clayton	12.00	4.47	Lynchburg	15.00	6.00
Concord	12.00	9.00	Mariner's	12.00	8.00
Conquest	11.00	8.00	Marley	7.00	4.00
Crisfield	18.00	22.30	Middleway	6.00	2.00
Crumpton	7.00	5.00	Milton	6.00	6.00
Cumberland	11.00	11.00	Mt. Nebo	7.00	2.09
Deer Creek	7.00	3.00	Mt Tabor	12.00	12.00
Deer Park	9.00	2.00	Newark	30.00	30.00
Delmar	12.00	7.00	New Castle		
Delta	11.00	11.00	New Market	15.00	10.00
Dorchester	12.00	2.00	Nichols' Memorial .		
Dover	6.00	3.00	North Baltimore . .	12.00	8.00
East Baltimore . . .	21.00	15.53	N. Carolina Ave. . .	11.00	5.50
Easton	21.00	21.00	Oak Grove	9.00	5.00
Elizabeth City	21.00	21.00	Oxford	12.00	12.00
Ellicott City			Parksley	6.00	3.00
Eutaw	11.00	8.70	Payson-St., Balto. .	6.00	5.00
Fairfax	5.00	5.00	Pipe Creek	12.00	17.00
Fairv'w & Violets .	5.00	5.00	Pittsville	6.00	5.00
Fawn Grove	12.00	6.00	Pocomoke	9.00	3.50
Felton	11.00	7.00	Pocomoke City . . .	24.00	24.00
Federalburg			Potomac	7.00	7.00
Finksburg	12.00	12.00	Powellville	9.00	3.90
First Church	15.00	6.00	Prince Geo., Va. . .	3.00	.75

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Quantico.....	\$ 9.00	\$ 7.00	Union Bridge.....	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
Queen Anne.....	9.00	13.34	Warwick.....	9.00	8.00
Reliance.....	9.00	1.00	Washington-St....	30.00	30.00
Remington-Ave...	7.00	4.00	Waverly.....	5.00	2 00
Rowlandville.....	9.00	5.00	West Baltimore...	30.00	31.46
Salem.....	7.00	7.00	Westminster.....	27.00	14.14
Salisbury.....	12.00	12.00	Williamsport.....	5.00	.20
St. James'.....	15.00	15.00	Wilmington, 1st...	6.00	3.00
St. Luke's.....	15.00	5.00	Wilmington, 2d...	6.00	2.00
St. Michael's.....	9.00	9.00	Wye.....	6.00	12.00
Seaford.....	12.00	12.00	Beaver Dam.....	6.00	1.01
Snow Hill.....	11.00	5.00	Lewistown.....	5.00	5.00
South Baltimore...	12.00	10.00	Patapsco.....	3.00	3.00
Starr.....	30.00	15.00	Waltersville.....	9.00	9.00
Stewartstown.....	6.00	11.00	Fox Hill.....		2.00
Susquehanna.....	15.00	20.00	Chatsworth, Ind...		10.00
Sussex.....	12.00	10.00	Evergreen.....		3.55
Talbot.....	6.00	5.00			
Towson.....			Total.....	1,415.00	1,129.09
Trinity.....	18.00	12.00	Deficiency.....		285.91
Tyreanna.....	3.00	3.00			
Union.....	15.00	5 00			1,415.00

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. BEANE, *Steward.*

Christian Endeavor Report.

CHARGES.	NO. SOCIETIES		MEMBERSHIP.			Conversions.	Number Meetings.	Cash Contribution.
	Young People.	Junior.	Active.	Associate.	Honorary.			
Accomac								
Amelia								
Alexandria	1	1	93	28			150	\$ 20.00
Baltimore	2		34	16	12	6	52	32.53
Bedford	1		27	2			45	11.93
Belair	3		62	11	2	3	300	15.00
Bethel	1		15				20	5.00
Broadway	1	1	70	20	3	10	94	50.00
Bethany	1	1	110	12	6	1	70	38.50
Brooklyn	1	1	15		1		52	9.75
Beaver Dam								
Cambridge	1		20	10	6		52	6.00
Caroline	4		66	16				60.00
Campbell & Tyree'a ..	2		24				30	
Cecil	3		113	25	6	14		22.10
Central	1		21	9			53	40.88
Centreville	1	1	70	3	5		50	
Chesapeake	1		28				55	58.00
Chestertown	2	1	125	1	4	4	140	75.00
Christ Church	1	1	140			8		25.00
Clayton	1		30	4			52	
Concord	1		16	15		5	52	2.00
Conquest	1		28	1	1		29	8.00
Crisfield	1	1	72	78	17	20	80	17.50
Crumpton	1		10	7	7		6	25
Cumberland	1	1	65	11			104	200.00
Chincoteague								
Delmar	1		20	1	5	6	30	5.00
Deer Creek	2		43	30			104	45.00
Deer Park	1		46	13	4	2	52	39.12
Delta	2		70	8			72	30.00
Dorchester								
Dover & Leipsic	2	1	82	3			128	10.00
East Baltimore	1		43	5			54	22.41
Easton	1		50				52	
Elizabeth	1		83	7	6	6	57	70.48
Eutaw	1	1	31	2				100.00
Evergreen	1	1	50	22	8		104	70.83
Fairfax	1	1	125	20	7	2	190	24.00
Fawn Grove	2							11.50
Fairview & V'tsville ..	2		22	5			52	12.00
Finksburg	4		134	31	8	4	225	153.00
First Church	1	1	59	15			75	19.76
Fox Hill								

Christian Endeavor Report—Concluded.

CHARGES.	No. SOCIETIES.		MEMBERSHIP			Conversions.	Number Meetings.	Cash Contribution.
	Young People.	Junior.	Active.	Associate.	Honorary.			
Patapsco.....								
Payson St.....		1	60			1	52	\$ 61.50
Potomac.....	1	1	83	52		3	52	28.00
Quantico.....	2		30	19			60	4.75
Queen Anne.....	2		81	11	3		96	117.23
Reliance.....	1	1	31	9		15	50	17.70
Rowlandville.....								
Remington.....	1		43	19	4		60	22.40
St. James'.....	1		43				52	23.00
St. John's, Cant.....	1	1	155	8	3	10	52	72.30
St. Michael's.....	2		80	20			50	60.00
St. Luke's.....	1		107				15	66.57
Salisbury.....	1	1	65			15	52	7.50
Seaford.....	1		30	24			50	30.00
Snow Hill.....	1	1	54			5	55	5.75
Salem.....	1		48	6	2	3	42	20.00
S. Baltimore.....	1		30					
Starr.....	1	1	50	1	5	3	106	40.00
Stewartstown.....	2	1	121	7			156	75.00
Susquehanna.....	3		60	16	6	4	80	25.00
Sussex.....								
Talbot.....	1		35	5	3		36	15.00
Trinity.....	1	1	75	5			104	
Union.....	1	1	55				50	
Union Bridge.....	2		30	11	6		52	31.00
Waltersville.....								
Warwick.....								
Washington-St.....	1		100	25	10		52	200.00
Waverly.....								
W. Baltimore.....	1	1	140	8	12	1	155	267.00
Westminster.....	1	1	79	21	7		52	180.64
Williamsport.....	1		40	10			40	
Wilmington.....	1	1	40	5	10	10	52	21.00
W. Wilmington.....	1		40				65	44.68
Wye.....	1		14	1	2		50	55.63
Totals.....	138	34	5800	1022	277	213		3,977.23
Increase.....	2	1		46		12		\$417.05
Decrease.....			281		64			

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CONFERENCE SERMON.

I. Kings xvii. 13—"And Elijah said unto her, fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son."

Under the circumstances this seems a remarkable demand to make, and a wonderful test of the woman's faith and obedience; almost as wonderful as the providence of God that fulfilled the promise given to specially care for her and hers as long as there should be special need. The Prophet Elijah had already been the subject of God's providential care; and from his own experience in the past he could confidently expect God to fulfil His promise to the widow. Obeying God, Elijah had rebuked King Ahab, and the angry King had sought to take the Prophet's life. The Lord protected Elijah, directed him to a place of safety, and kept him in hiding for a time, and there by His own peculiar means provided him with sustenance and kept him alive. I suppose Elijah would not enjoy this separation from his fellows, and this waiting in loneliness the next command of his God.

One of the hardest lessons to be learned sometimes, is to just wait patiently the will of God, to not be able to participate in the activities of life, to be shut off from contact with those who are busy with the affairs of the world, and the active work of the Church; to not be able to see ahead, or to know at all what will befall us, nor how long we will be compelled to wait. It may seem hard to have to endure this discipline which tries our patience and our faith; and yet, some of the grandest lessons of life are learned just in this way. Elijah was fed by the ravens.

We need not be surprised at the strange messengers and instruments God uses to work His divine plans, for "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." And "His ways are not our ways, nor His thoughts our thoughts." When God thought Elijah had been long enough in solitude at Cherith, He sent him to Zarephath, a small village, and to a poor widow who lived alone with her son. From a human point of view this seems a strange thing to do. There was scarcity and want and suffering and despair in that humble home. And when the hungry and thirsty Prophet asked of the widow, water to drink and bread to eat, it seemed to that woman the most unfortunate thing in the world to have her hospitality invoked at that time and under the existing circumstances. The reply of the woman is full of pathos, and should touch every heart that meditates upon it. She wished to be hospitable, to respond to the request of the weary and hungry man before her; but her slender store, the last remains of food carefully husbanded and economically used were only sufficient to make a cake for herself and son to have a last meal before starving to death. "As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake,

but a handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and behold I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son that we may eat it and die."

It was a sad thing to be appealed to for charity under such conditions as these. The one who asks can scarcely be more destitute himself, than she of whom he would ask a morsel of bread. The appeal of the Prophet touched a chord in the heart of the woman. And Elijah must have been glad to be able to answer as he did, "Fear not; go and do as thou hast said; but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it to me, and after make for thee and thy son." How selfish must have seemed the first part of the Prophet's reply! How extraordinary the demand! But it was not really so. He hastens to assure the woman that this which seems so extraordinary and inopportune is really a means of preservation and salvation for both herself and her son. "For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth." And the woman went and did according to the saying of Elijah, and she found by experience that she had not trusted the Lord in vain. Here is a wonderful command connected with a wonderful promise: a remarkable case of faith and obedience, and a remarkable providence of Almighty God. In the New Testament our faith is appealed to and our obedience tested in the same way, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." What may we may learn from this?

THE PERSONALNESS OF THE DIVINE PROMISES AND PROVIDENCE.

Many persons do not seem to realize this, nor do they seem to care anything about it. With youth and health and plenty and pleasant surroundings they take their blessings as a matter of course and regard them as the result of their own wisdom, skill, prudence and forethought. The world is pleasant to them and they are disposed to enjoy it and to make the most of it. Or, if piously inclined at all, they may think that their blessings come because their lives meet with the approval of the Almighty. Dr. Hoyt says, "There is nothing like disaster and defeat and limited resources to at once reveal to us the preciousness of the doctrine of the personalness of Providence; and at the same time to scare us into faithless fears concerning the doctrine's truth." As we study this doctrine we will see how much it affects our lives, our happiness and our hopes to realize that God is interested in us. *In me.* To know that we are the objects of his care and love; that we are within the range of His government. And that as not a sparrow falls to the ground without the notice of God, we need not fear that we will ever be overlooked or forgotten. When things are bright about us it is easy to think that God is caring for us, that He is our God and Guide; our Protector and Provider. But when disaster comes, when we scrape the bottom of the flour barrel, and empty the purse, and no visible supply is within reach; or when disease and death come to bring pain and bereavement, then is our faith put to the test to believe that God is our personal Friend, that He is really caring for us, and

that these experiences are not only for our good, but the very best thing that could happen to us. It is then that hearts fear and fail, and then that the Devil comes with all his power to bring objections, to overthrow our faith; to torment us with doubts and drive to despair, that we may do as Job's wife wanted him to do, "Curse God and die." But as we study the Bible we will find that God appeals to us personally; that God is revealed to us as our personal Father and Friend. We read of the God of Abraham, and of Isaac; the God of the individual, as well as the God of the nation. Joseph was not forgotten or forsaken by the Lord during his imprisonment. His lot was hard for a while but all the time the watchful eye of God was upon him, and His Providence was caring for him, and presently he was exalted, and honored and became the saviour of his father and of his very brethren who for jealousy and envy had sold him into slavery. Daniel was not forgotten by the Lord, even while in the lions den.

In the New Testament we have the case of Saul in the house of Judas, in the street called Straight in the city of Damascus, a blind penitent, praying sinner inquiring the way of salvation; turned from persecuting Christians, praying for light and salvation. The house and number are not known to us, they have not been kept on record for our information, but it is to me a beautiful thought that God knew the street and number of the praying Saul, and whom to send to him and where to send. And the praying Saul found salvation, and became the Missionary Paul to preach the Gospel of Jesus. And we hear him say in after years, "Whose I am, and whom I serve." Elijah at Cherith was provided for. This widow at Zarephath was not overlooked.

While Jesus was incarnated it was on persons that His blessings descended; not on the mass indiscriminately, but on those who believed on Him, who were brought into personal contact with Him. "To as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." In times of sickness, trouble, bereavement we should get visions of this fact: God loves me, I am His child, He is pledged to never leave nor forsake me: and here we will find balm for wounded hearts, light in darkness, and comfort where comfort seems impossible.

WHAT MAY SEEM DISASTROUS, MAY BE A GREAT BLESSING.

What could seem to this widow worse than the coming of Elijah demanding a little cake? How could any good result from this? There was only a little meal, and a little oil; only enough to give her and her son a slight repast—probably the last meal they would ever eat—and now to be asked for a part of that! And yet what seemed the worst, contained the best blessing that could have come to her. The presence of the prophet sent there by the Lord kept up the supply of the meal and the oil, and there was enough for not only the two, but also for the third one, and for not only the one meal as she supposed, but a continual supply until other means were provided. Dear Christian friend, the seeming may be against us, the way may be hard and rough at the time, yet, all things work together for good to them that love

the Lord. God lives, God reigns, God knows, He loves us, He is interested in us, and what to us may seem only calamity, may be what God sees is the very best thing for us. In God's own way and time it will be made plain to us. I believe that many now in glory are praising God for the darkness and the trial, which were the messengers of God sent for their deliverance and salvation.

WE CAN DO SOMETHING FOR GOD.

God has honored us by making us co-workers with Him in extending the Kingdom of Christ in the world. To many this may seem a burden, they may think that they need all they have or can get to meet their own necessities. That is not God's view of the case. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." We belong to the Lord. We have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. God has always impressed upon His people that what they had was because of His blessing and providence, and has required a recognition of that fact. Israel was to give the first fruits to the Lord, a certain portion of their increase was first to be laid aside for the Lord. Paul tells the Christians on the first day of the week to lay aside according as the Lord had prospered them in business. It is an honor to be in partnership with the Lord. Christ's command to His disciples, was, to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; this is Church Extension, and includes, I think, *everything* we can do for Christ. It means not only Foreign Missionary work, but also all Home Church work. This requires faith in God, devotion to Him, and consecration to and for the work. Here applies, "Make me thereof a little cake first." This I think applies to all, both ministers and laymen.

Those who would be Ministers of the Gospel should use all means within their reach to co-operate with the Holy Spirit in their preparation for their great work, and all Christians should feel the obligation to help them to make this preparation. We should make an intelligent choice of the Church in which we wish to labor; where we can be used of the Lord in the extension of His Kingdom, and then we must co-operate in the plans of that particular Church, or formulate better ones for all to use for this purpose. We should also be in harmony with the doctrines of the church with which we identify ourselves.

Do we believe in Ministerial Education? Do we deem it a necessity that the Minister of the Gospel must be of at least average culture with his people? This is generally now granted. Those are now few in number who believe that the expression of the Psalmist, "Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it," means that this applies to the preaching of the Gospel by either an unprepared or lazy man. Then, as not many wealthy are called to the ministry, those who have means must help those who are called to get the needed training. We believe it essential that our young men, under existing circumstances must have some theological as well as collegiate training; and so we have the Seminary which must be sustained. We cannot claim that we have as yet the ideal Seminary, but we have one that is useful and is growing

towards the ideal, and the one where it is best that our young men should be trained. It is now well-organized; has scholarly and consecrated professors; is worthy of the confidence and support of the Church, and it is capable of giving good help to the young men who go there for training. Unless God calls a man to the ministry, he would better never undertake the holy office. Without the Divine call and inspiration no Seminary can qualify a man to be a minister of the Gospel; but with the Divine call, and consecration to the work, those who would work in the Methodist Protestant Church will find the needed help at Westminster. We want a good Institution, and then faith in the Institution; and then for all to co-operate to make it a success. This will call for money to carry on the work. Here those who are not learned, who are not teachers, but who have health and strength to labor and get gain can come to the help of the Lord with their means, and by their contributions can sustain this important work of the Church.

What is Ministerial Education? What do we mean by it? What do we want? I think it means an education that will fit a man to be a successful minister of the Gospel of Jesus. Any education that does not help in this particular, while it may be important in some directions is not Ministerial Education. Some things may be very important to one who intends to be a lawyer, or a professor in some branch of Science or Literature, which are not only not necessary, but in the way of one who is to be a minister of the Gospel. In the short period allotted to our lives here we cannot know everything. Books are multiplying, new fields are constantly opening for exploration. In every department of work now we find that those who are eminently successful are specialists. They must deny themselves of certain things that they may have other things. To try to comprehend all, is to miss almost everything. In medicine, the law, in all the professions men having certain talents, devote their attention to some special branch of their profession. I think that when one feels called to the ministry, he should study specially that which will fit him for the ministry, to preach the Gospel, to win souls and to edify the Church of Jesus Christ. I rejoice that now greater demands are being made on those who are beginning the work, and that greater facilities are accorded those who enter the ministry. As the mass of the people are better educated than formerly, I am glad that those who now come into the ministry in our Church can start better furnished for their work at the beginning than some of us could, who came from the farm or the shop, and who had to spend much valuable time after we were on a charge in learning that which ought to have been known at the start. There is *danger*, too, here. Years in a College, and years in a Seminary; in the main separated from contact with the every-day life of the people, are not calculated to give a knowledge of the habits and ways, or the needs of the work-a-day world. The mind may be full of theories which will not apply to every-day life. The time spent in the College and Seminary is principally devoted to the study of *books*, in the pastorate much time must be given to the study of *men*. The environments of the pastor are different from those of the student in the Seminary.

The student is accustomed to associate with those who have literary attain-

ments, who dress well, who are polished in manner. In the pastorate he will find many of these, but also some who are not refined, whose occupation in life requires the giving and taking of hard knocks. Some who have been living secluded lives find themselves out of sympathy with some of nature's noblemen, who are yet in the rough. A minister, an *educated* minister of the Gospel must yet be able to go among the uncultured, the lowly, and to make himself one of the people, to not have superior airs, but to sympathize with them and to get their sympathy, and to remember that these people have souls, and it is to save their souls that he is sent unto them with the Gospel. If he encounters rough fare sometimes, unpretentious homes, a hard bed, long rides through mud and cold, if there is exposure in going to and from appointments, if there are long weeks of protracted meetings in wintry weather if it requires sacrifice of comfort and much that would be enjoyable, he must not murmur; nor complain that these things are beneath him, that the sacrifice is too great. He is sent to reach men, to save men, to call souls to Christ, to let none of these things move him if he can reach souls and win them for Jesus. Christ came to seek and to save the lost, to call sinners to repentance that they might be saved. The minister is not educated and sent out to find a fine church and nice people and to have a comfortable, easy time of it; to merely spend his time in the seclusion of his study, and on Sunday to preach fine sermons. Some may be thus fortunate, but these churches have been built and congregations gathered by the hard work and self-denial of others who have preceded them. The minister must have a passion for souls; beneath the exterior, beyond the seeming he must see souls whom Christ died to redeem, and his business must be to reach those souls at whatever personal cost or sacrifice to himself.

Then the minister must have faith. He must be an optimist. He must believe the Word of God; he must believe the creed of his Church, or he has no business to be a minister in that Church. He has no right to take a congregation others have gathered, and to preach to them another Gospel, to fill them with doubts, or to make a division among them. No one who has not faith in the Bible and faith in his church creed, can be a successful minister in that church. He may have a following, intense personal friends, who are willing to fight for him, and who sometimes do fight for him, and who threaten disruption if they cannot have their own way, but that is not having success in preaching the Gospel.

A minister must be a student, but every student cannot be a minister of the Gospel. Every minister cannot know everything, although some inexperienced ones are sorely tempted to think that they can grasp and understand and settle problems that have puzzled those who have given them years of study. Some get a view different from what they had before, and without waiting to see the other side, jump at conclusions, and think they can turn the world upside down, and may while damaging their own faith disturb the faith of some others. We must ever remember that God's Word is true. Men's opinions of it change, but the truth is eternal. The education of a minister in the Methodist Protestant Church should fix his faith in Jesus

Christ as the Mighty Saviour of men, that an atonement has been made for the sin of the whole world; that souls though redeemed are in danger of perdition; that they must be converted and saved by faith in Jesus Christ or they will be forever lost. That the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin. That repentance must be preached, and the one converted must lead a new life by faith in Jesus Christ. They must believe that they have this ministry committed unto them. They are to preach the *Gospel*, not their own notions, not their doubts. They are to win souls for Christ, and to feed the flock of God with the Word of God, that these may develop Christian character. It is all their business here below to cry, Behold the Lamb. Their study, their reading, all of their life should have this one end in view, to save souls, and to build up the Church of God in the world.

Having this one end in view, there must be consecration to the work. While the laborer is worthy of his hire, he must be a laborer to have any hire due him. This includes of course the consciousness of personal salvation, that he is a pardoned and saved sinner! And by the purity of his life he is to be an example to the flock of which he is the overseer. He must have the spirit of Christ, and that spirit is to seek not his own will, but the will of Him who sent Him. Christ sought to win persons to Himself, but never at the expense of the Gospel. Jesus was tender to every one in need, no matter how lowly or what had been the manner of life. He was ever ready to say to the sincerely penitent, Thy sins are forgiven thee, go thy way and sin no more. He was ever ready to help any to a better life, but there was always the demand for penitence and a better life. Christ was always ready to help those who would come to Him to learn, and who would obey Him. But there was always the setting forth of the fact that purity of heart was essential, that salvation from sin was necessary. He did not want followers who would say, Lord, Lord, and who would not be obedient.

The moral Nicodemus was told that he must be born again. The rich young man was told that he was lacking in one thing. The Pharisees were told of their hypocrisy. The one thing ever prominent in the teaching of Jesus was salvation. He was anxious to attach the people to Himself. He said, "Ye will not come to me." He wept over Jerusalem, but before and above personal attachment was the New Birth; the taking up the cross and following Him. So with the minister of to-day. He should want followers, he should want sincere personal friends, but above this, these must be Christly. The moral man must be converted, if there are rich sinners in the congregation, they must be taught that God is no respecter of persons, and that they can be saved only as they obey Christ. Then living a holy life himself, with this consecration to his work, with the thought God first all the time, anything that will educate him for success in his work is to be coveted, and will be ministerial education.

The minister must study the Word. Use all helps he can get to rightly interpret the Word. We do not want private interpretation, but what saith the Lord. We cannot study the Bible as we would any other book; some profess so to do, and claim that this is the proper way to study it. But I agree with

one who has said, "The illumination of the Spirit is as needful to properly read the Bible, as it was to write it. It is one thing to read the Bible, it is another thing to read the Word."

There is a letter lying on my desk. You may read it, and admire the clear chirography, the careful composition, or you may criticize what to you may seem some defect; you have no personal interest in the letter, it is nothing to you. But I pick it up, and I recognize the hand-writing of my mother. At once I become interested. My mother writes of some deliverance from danger, of some special blessing from the Lord; of her communion with the Saviour; of her remembrance of me and mine at the "Throne of Grace," of her tender love for me, of the hope that animates her that after awhile we will all meet in heaven, where we shall be holy and happy forever, and never part again. I discern the spirit of my mother all through that letter, I understand it, it means so much to me, while it means so little to you.

So in reading the Bible. Men of learning may read it, may have some intellectual apprehension of its principles and philosophy, they may criticize or admire its doctrines, but until born of the Spirit and led by the Spirit into its true and profound meanings they cannot understand its preciousness to believers, nor are they competent to teach it to others. But led by the Spirit, the inner meaning of the Word is revealed, it appeals to our intellect, to our conscience, and it moves the heart. "Be still and know that I am God." What we want to know when we would teach, is, What does God say? God first, and our lives brought into harmony with His will.

Thus educated, thus equipped for his work the minister will want his Church to grow. Believing in the principles, the doctrine, and polity of his Church he will want it extended to reach as many as possible.

What is meant by Church Extension? It should mean the spreading of the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the world. To some it means only the spread of denominationalism. Money is wasted, time is wasted, men are wasted. In a community where there are not more persons living than enough to make one congregation, several churches are built and several ministers to preach. The result. Jealousies, contentions, anything else shown rather than the Spirit of Christ, and ministers are poorly supported, and made to suffer, while in other places both churches and ministers are needed. In this as in other things we are to heed, "Make me thereof a little cake first." It may gratify our preference, our church pride, to have a church of our own denomination, but will we be doing God service? Will we be doing what Christ would have us do. These things must determine our action, and wherever God would have us go, wherever we can most honor and exalt Him and reach souls, there we must go, at any sacrifice. God first. As a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ we must do all that is in our power to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom through the world, and so work together ourselves, and with all who love the Lord Jesus Christ, for the overthrow of evil, and for the reign of Righteousness.

I think that this message, "Make me thereof a little cake first," is to the laity as well as to the ministry. Especially in the Methodist Protestant Church

where their rights are recognized and allowed, where they have an equal participation in all the councils of the Church, they should recognize the obligation resting on them and push forward the work of Christ. When money is asked for, when assessments are made the laymen vote as well as the ministers they may if they wish require a separate vote and a majority of both houses before a measure can pass. It should never be necessary for the pastor to plead for money, to have to overcome opposition to these benevolences of the church. The laity should gladly join in an effort to do all in their power to meet the necessities of the case. I believe that if all would recognize this principle, God first, and all would try to do their best, there is scarcely a charge that could not raise every assessment made on it, though some think they are heavily burdened.

EVEN THOUGH WE MAY HAVE VERY LITTLE WE CAN DO SOMETHING FOR GOD.

None are so poor but they can render some service to the Master. Almost all can give some money; all can speak a word, or set a godly example. A word may bring a soul to the Saviour, the one brought may become an evangelist to bring many others to Christ. The little money we may have to give added to the many other littles will make an amount sufficient to help some one to be equipped for the ministry, or to build a church in a destitute place, or to keep a missionary in the field. This woman of the text with her little kept a prophet alive. How did she do it? By waiting until her barrel and her cruse were full before she began to give? By waiting until she could do some great thing before she began to give? Not at all, but by giving in faith of the little she had. I think her barrel never got any fuller than it was when she began to give to Elijah, but she never went to it in vain. What we have to give may seem so little that it is hardly worth the giving, but we must remember that it is the motive, the intent, that God looks upon, and out of our little he may bring surprising results. This little meal and oil lasted many days. The few loaves and fishes under the blessing of the Saviour, feasted the thousands. God is the same God still.

What is it that carries on the benevolences, charities and missionary enterprises of the world? Is it the large gifts of the wealthy? Not at all. They help—they help grandly sometimes; but these munificent gifts of the wealthy are overshadowed by the many small contributions of those who are not wealthy, and of many who deny themselves that they may give to God. God blesses the many apparently small gifts and multiplies their usefulness.

WE MUST LEARN THE VALUE OF SHARING.

It is as we give we get. There is that which withholdeth, and tendeth to poverty. There is that scattereth and yet increaseth.

WE SHOULD GIVE AS WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY, AND GIVE SYSTEMATICALLY.

Many persons accumulating a fortune, have thought, that they would, before they died will a large amount for the Lord's cause to be available when they were gone. They withheld all their lives and often before death, misfortune came, or after death litigation ensued, and not giving when they had

opportunity they were never able to give at all. While others have given as they had opportunity, and having given systematically, when misfortune came, the only treasure they had left was what they had given to God. The woman of the text did not wait until she had much before she gave the hungry prophet a cake; but she did according to the word of Elijah, "Make me thereof a little cake first."

LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD FIRST.

This may be a hard lesson to learn, but it is the most important of all to be learned. Israel was to give of the first fruits; to give one-tenth of their income. Under the New Testament dispensation, the amount is not stated, but the giving is to be done systematically and upon the receipt of the money. Lay by according as the Lord hath prospered in business. Those who thus systematically and proportionately share for the Lord's cause give far beyond what they could otherwise possibly give. It is not for me to name the proportion for you; your own consciences and your love for the Lord must settle that, but I think every Christian should determine some proportion as the minimum amount to be given; and then as the money comes in lay aside the ten per cent., or the five per cent., or the twenty per cent., whatever it is, and hold that sacred to the Lord's cause to be given as opportunity offers, or necessity calls. God first! Before any money is used for ourselves, lay aside the Lord's share. Some one has said he does not miss what he thus gives to the Lord because he never looks upon it as his own, and therefore has no right to use it, and thus giving is made easy. If all would do this, pastor's salaries would be paid in full, and in reasonable time; the assessments would be all met, churches would not long be in debt, missionaries would be sustained and more sent out there would be money for Ministerial Education, for Church Extension, our Superannuates would be well cared for, the cause of the Lord would triumph gloriously and the children of God would be happy.

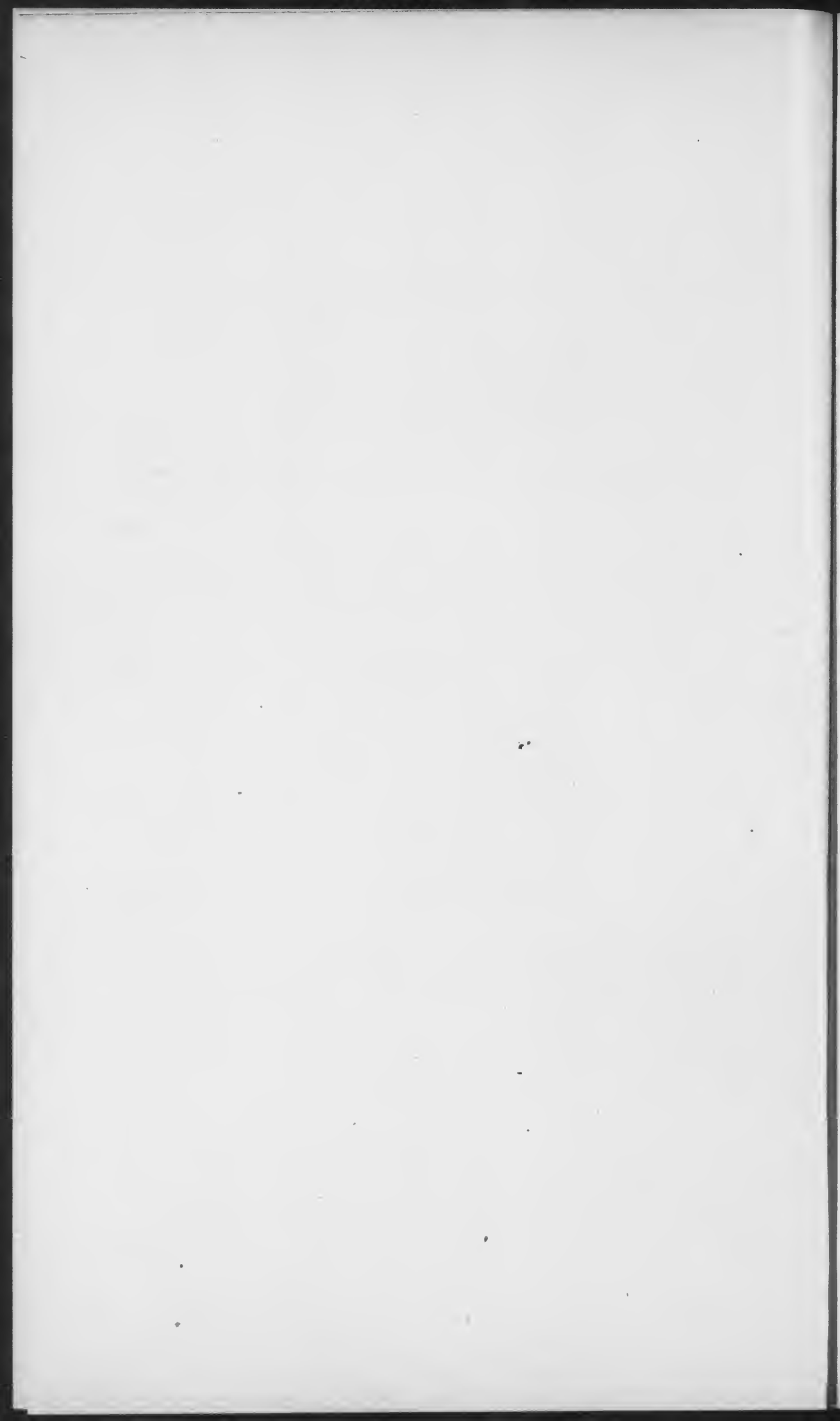
"Fear not; go and do as thou hast said; but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, after that make for thee and thy son," and then comes the promise that her supply should not fail until the present necessity should pass away.

Brethren, according to our faith will it be unto us. God fulfills His promises. To those who commit all unto Him He sends showers of blessings; and all things work together for their good. The seeming may be against us, but God knows, and we can trust Him. There is great blessing in experience. You remember that when Elisha was surrounded by an army which environed the city where he was, that the young man who was with him was alarmed, and exclaimed, "Alas, my Master, what shall we do!" The young man had not much experience. Elisha was not alarmed. He had had experience in God's power to deliver in time of trouble, and he prayed to the Lord to open the young man's eyes that he might see, and then he was shown the army that God had sent for the deliverance of his servant. Elisha was calm and trustful; and the fear of the young man left him, when he saw the salvation of God.

God first. First in our thoughts, desires, affections, means, in everything will bring blessing both now and forever.

"Standing on the pavement before the great Cathedral, and looking at the lofty window in front you wonder that anything so dull, so unattractive should be the glory of the city. Standing outside you see no beauty that you should desire it. But come inside and look at the window. It is aflame with light, and shines and burnes like a sea of glass mingled with fire. Heavenly faces flash out upon the cloistered gloom. Patriarchs and prophets, saints and seraphs, the Cross and the crown are glorified together in that celestial splendor, and the gray old walls are touched and transfigured with an unearthly beauty, until you feel that this is none other than the house of God, the gate of Heaven."

A. W. MATHER.



MANUAL.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.

1. Pastors shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference immediately after the election of the same.

2. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

RULE I.

Duties of the President.

1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
2. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.
3. Not allow improper personalities, nor reflections upon any religious communities.
4. Announce each person rising to speak so soon as he shall have addressed the chair, by declaring him "The minister from —," or "The delegate from —."
5. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also when he states a point of order; and also when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.
6. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken, unless there be a tie; but he may vote in case of ballot.
7. May call any member to the chair, when he wishes to participate in debate, or for other purposes; but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after adjournment.

RULE II.

Duties of the Secretary.

1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body.
2. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting, the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants, shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman pro tempore, and proceed to business.
3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference, and be accountable for them.

4. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
5. Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference.
6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of Conference, including all written resolutions, whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of all written resolutions.
7. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference, and in the order of its presentation.
8. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record, *First*, The standing committees, in the order of their arrangement in these rules; and, *Second*, All other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.
9. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.
10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding annual session.
11. Be the Committee on the Publication of the Minutes.
12. Supply the pastors with blanks.

COMMITTEES.

RULE III.

All committees shall be appointed by the President, except otherwise directed in the Book of the Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

RULE IV.

Standing Committees.

1. Finance—2 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
2. Itinerancy and Orders—The Faculty of Instruction.
3. Pulpit Services—3 Ministers.
4. Church Extension—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
5. Superannuates—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
6. Literature—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
7. Sabbath Schools—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
8. Temperance—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
9. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
10. Fraternal Relations—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
11. Official Character—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
12. Statistics—1 Minister, 1 Layman.
13. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
14. Education—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
15. Committee on Missions.
16. President's Report—2 Ministers, 1 Layman.
17. Sabbath Observance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
18. Committee on Credentials—1 Minister, 2 Laymen.
19. Christian Endeavor Work—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
20. Publication of Minutes—The Secretary.
21. Committee on Transportation.
22. Committee on Church Enterprises—2 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

RULE V.

Any person being a member of two committees, shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

MOTIONS.

RULE VI.

Every motion shall be written, signed and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken

upon it by the Conference; except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

RULE VII.

Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

RULE VIII.

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit, to substitute, to amend, or to make the order of the day; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the *first three* to be taken without debate; and the *first* always in order. But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.

RULE IX.

The question under discussion shall be put whenever a call for it is made by five brethren, and sustained by a majority of the Conference.

RULE X.

When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.

RULE XI.

No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed, on the same day, at the same stage of the proposition.

RULE XII.

A motion, after it is seconded, is the property of the Conference, and the mover has no power to withdraw or have it amended, without leave.

RULE XIII.

No amendment shall be in order, further than an amendment to the amendment.

RULE XIV.

In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put. In balloting, blanks shall be rejected and not reported by the tellers.

DECORUM.

RULE XV.

When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference; after which he may proceed addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

RULE XVI.

If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

RULE XVII.

No interruption shall be allowed, while a member is addressing the chair except a call to order by the President or by a member.

RULE XVIII.

When a member is called to order, he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of order supposed to be infringed; after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

RULE XIX.

In deciding a question of order the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President, may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference; the question, on such appeal shall be taken without debate; but the appellant may state the ground of his appeal. If the Conference sustain the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

RULE XX.

No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of Conference; nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

RULE XXI.

No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in previous speech, except in regular debate, unless the member replying thereto request it, or unless another member requests.

RULE XXII.

Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of the subject under consideration.

RULE XXIII.

Every member shall report at roll call of the first day's session, and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

RULE XXIV.

After the affirmative of a question has been put, any member who has not spoken before to the question may rise and speak before the negative is put.

RULE XXV.

A member may change his vote at any time before the Chair announces the decision of the question.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

RULE XXVI.

At 9 o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

RULE XXVII.

1. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The Chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee; and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question, "Shall his character pass?"

2. Roll Call. The roll shall then be called, including the Dead Roll. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference, the President shall

appoint some member to formally announce the fact to the Conference, and such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll; and the name shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Dead Roll by the Secretary in the presence of the Conference, and when the name is reached on the Dead Roll, an order of the day shall be named for memorial services for the deceased.

RULE XXVIII.

At 11 o'clock, on the first day of each session of the Annual Conference, the President or his substitute shall preach a sermon.

RULE XXIX.

At two-and-a-half o'clock P. M., on the first day of the session, the officers of the Conference shall be elected by ballot, as follows: 1. President; 2. Secretary; 3. Conference Steward; 4. Church Extension Steward; 5. Superannuated Fund Steward; 6. Foreign Missionary Steward; 7. General Home Missionary Steward; 8. Educational Steward; 9.—The Board of Stewards elected at one session to serve the following session of Conference, and the Conference Steward to appoint an assistant.—Standing District Committee, consisting of three elders and three laymen; 10. Committee of Appeals, three ministers and three laymen.

RULE XXX.

Examination of Official Character. The roll shall be called, and the pastors shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor, and the name of the charge, in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports and charges against official character shall be handed to the Committee on Official Character. Pastors whose official reports are defective in any point shall be summoned before the committee to explain, and only those cases in which explanation may be unsatisfactory to the committee shall be reported to the Conference; and the characters of all ministers whose names are not reported shall be considered passed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DIURNAL SESSION.

RULE XXXI.

The Conference shall be opened each day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn, and prayer.

RULE XXXII.

The reading of the Minutes of the preceding day for correction shall be first in order.

RULE XXXIII.

The President shall then announce that it is in order for delegates to present any business from the churches they represent; when any delegate, upon recognition by the chair, may present any business, and it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business.

RULE XXXIV.

The business next in order shall be the Reports of Committees, called for in the order in which they stand on the List of Committees. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

RULE XXXV.

When any business is laid before the Conference it may be made the order of the day for any other day of the session, and at a specific hour.

RULE XXXVI.

Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

RULE XXXVII.

Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

RULE XXXVIII.

When any business is taken into consideration, it shall not be interrupted by any other business except the order of the day, or by adjournment.

RULE XXXIX.

When there are present Fraternal Messengers and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations shall quietly inform the President; whereupon the President may request the visitors to be brought to him, to be by him introduced to Conference, either at that time, or when the state of business may with more propriety be arrested.

RULES OF ADMINISTRATION.

Duties of the President.

1. The President shall appoint the speakers who shall address the Superannuated Fund and Church Extension Societies at the ensuing Annual Conference; and Friday and Monday evenings are set apart for the public meetings, the anniversaries to alternate in the order of their occurrence. The President of Conference Christian Endeavor Union shall appoint speakers for the Annual Rally on Thursday evening.

2. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.

3. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical report for all charges unsupplied.

4. In the event of the death of any ministerial member, the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

5. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed for his salary.

6. The President shall represent the general interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary.

DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

1. The Conference Steward, Church Extension Steward, Superannuated Fund Steward, Foreign Missionary Steward, General Home Missionary Steward and Educational Steward shall constitute a Conference Board of Stewards to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from pastors.

2. The Board of Stewards shall meet immediately after their election and open the envelopes containing the various collections, count the money enclosed, noting its agreement with the statement of the official report, and on the envelope, and prepare a report of collections to the Conference. The money in hand shall then be passed to the persons designated by the Conference to receive it, and the Reports to the Committee on Official Reports.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

DUTIES OF PASTORS.

1. The pastor shall seek the co-operation of the Stewards in collecting the assessments made by the Annual Conference; admonishing them of their duty in this matter as contained in the Discipline, under the head of "Duties of Stewards," pp. 116-17.

2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, wherever possible, have them incorporated.

3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.

4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the church whether they have been baptized, and if not, to administer the ordinances of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he may encounter.

7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused, unstationed minister or preacher.

8. Pastors are required to report to the Annual Conference the amounts contributed to Foreign Missions by the auxiliaries of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and due credit shall be given in the Minutes.

EXPENSES OF CONFERENCE.

The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses, including the publication of the Minutes—each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

The Conference shall be opened by reading a portion of the Word of God and prayer, after which the business shall proceed in the following order:

1. Call the roll, noting those present and absent.
2. Read minutes of last meeting.
3. Make necessary corrections in official list.
4. Consider objections to official character.
5. At first Quarterly Conference elect a Secretary, an Advisory Committee, and Committee on Examinations.
6. Hear Reports—
 - a. From pastor and associates.
 - b. From superannuates.
 - c. From unstationed ministers, preachers and exhorters.
 - d. From class-leaders, S. S. Superintendents and Presidents of C. E. Societies.
 - e. From Trustees and Stewards.
7. Hear and decide on appeals.
8. Inquire faithfully whether candidates for exhorter's and preacher's license, for itinerancy and orders, pursue the prescribed course of study and reading.
9. Grant and renew licenses.
10. Recommend to Board of Ministerial Education.
11. Recommend for orders and itinerancy.
12. Consider applications of ministers and preachers who desire to become members of this Quarterly Conference.

13. Hear suggestions from Advisory Committee.
14. Inquire why church property is not insured.
15. Incidental business.
16. Fix place for next Quarterly Conference.
17. Adjourn with benediction.

SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY.

1st. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the ages of twenty-one years, shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2d. All members in full communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purpose indicated in Section 3 of Article IV, of the Constitution, and in divisions 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 114 and 115 of Discipline.

3d. Every minister, preacher and lay male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-five years, shall be eligible as a representative in the General Conference.

4th. Every member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible as a Steward, Class-Leader and Sunday-school superintendent, and every male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible as a Trustee and a Delegate to the Annual Conference.

5th. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of Elder two years.

ADMINISTERING ORDINANCES.

No person, in virtue merely of a license to preach, or even election to orders, is empowered to administer, or assist in administering the Christian ordinances.

UNSTATIONED MINISTERS.

The Conference will not recognize as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church any man who does not bring credentials from some other orthodox denomination, or who has not received suitable testimonials of ministerial character from our own church. In returning the list of ministers and preachers, pastors shall name no person who does not possess the foregoing qualifications.

LOTTERIES.

The practice of raising funds for church purposes, by means of lotteries and other games of hazzard, is disapproved by the Conference, and pastors are enjoined to discountenance their use.

MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY.

The placing of Mortgages upon church property, for the purpose, directly or indirectly, of paying the pastor's salary, is so far as it has authority, disallowed by the Conference.

OBITUARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dictate, in addition to the particulars of his death, and said obituary

shall at once be forwarded to *The Methodist Protestant* for publication, and be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

2. Every ministerial member of this Conference is hereby requested to make and keep by him a record of his nativity, and of all the prominent acts in his Christian and ministerial history.

3. The obituaries of wives and widows of the ministerial members of the Conference shall also be published in the Minutes.

MOTIONS TO FIX TIME AND PLACE.

All motions to fix time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

MARRIAGES.

The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerancy.

CAMP MEETINGS.

Camp Meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:

1. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's day on the camp-ground, or the adjacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

2. The managers or other officers of the camp-meeting shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or to the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for conveying persons to the camp-ground, or the vicinity thereof on the Lord's day.

3. Faithful efforts shall be made by the official members of the church, and all persons having authority at camp-meetings, to maintain the due observance of the Lord's day.

4. No advertisement of the running of trains on the Lord's day shall be made by any of the persons referred to in the preceding paragraphs, nor shall anything be done by their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing regulations.

5. Quarterly Conferences, or associations recognized by this Conference, shall deliver to the President, at least four weeks before the time appointed for said meetings, a written pledge, duly attested, that the foregoing regulations shall be observed in good faith.

MISSIONARY REGULATIONS.

1. Contributions for Church Extension shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Extension Society, that he may disburse the funds to the missionaries according to their various claims.

2. Pastors are instructed to have the Church Extension collections in the hands of the Treasurer by the end of the second quarter of the Conference year.

3. The Committee on Church Extension shall ascertain what amount of funds may be regarded as available for church extension purposes the ensuing year.

4. Appropriations shall not exceed the amount which may reasonably be expected from collections and interest on legacies.

5. The Church Extension Society of this Conference shall elect seven Trustees for each mission, who shall hold all the property on our mission fields in trust of said Society, and yearly thereafter select a new Board of Trustees as long as the mission relation is sustained. But whenever the mission shall become a circuit or station, the "qualified members," at a meeting

regularly called for the purpose, shall have the power to elect their own trustees, to whom the Trustees appointed by the Church Extension Society shall surrender the church property, together with the books, papers, or other valuables held by them as Trustees.

6. When any number of the members of any of our missions shall through disaffection, or from other causes, form themselves into classes, withholding themselves from the means of grace, or suffer themselves to be led by those who refuse to attend the official meetings of the church, or shall in any other way walk disorderly, on a charge being brought against such person or persons, the missionary shall see that the accused are tried according to Discipline trial of members. But should the class, of which the accused is a member, refuse or neglect to select two of their number to serve on the committee of trial, then the missionary shall fill the committee by having them selected from any other class in the mission, or from an adjoining station or circuit, as he may think proper; and should the accused be found guilty, he, she or they shall be suspended or expelled, as the committee may direct. And should the entire mission become refractory, the missionary shall be authorized to select them according to the provision of the Discipline for trial of churches; *provided, however*, that the person convicted shall in this, and in all cases where the trial is by jury, have an appeal to the Quarterly Conference of the church from which the committee of trial is selected, at the session next ensuing, whose decision shall be final.

7. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.

8. When a charge is preferred against any member of the church, the missionary shall see that the accused is tried in accordance with the regulations of the Discipline for the trial of members.

9. Any mission having a missionary, shall be entitled to one delegate to the Annual Conference, provided the missionary have a seat, who shall be elected by the qualified members of the mission, at least two weeks preceding the session of the Annual Conference.

10. No member of the Methodist Protestant Church shall hold membership in a mission and station at the same time.

11. Until a class is formed in a mission, the missionary shall have authority to receive probationers into full membership.

12. The missionary in charge is invested with authority to receive or reject applicants for membership, as he in his judgment may deem most conducive to the welfare of the mission.

13. When a mission becomes a circuit or station, the property must be so transferred to the trustees elected by the qualified members, as to secure it to the Methodist Protestant Church.

14. The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society is empowered to appoint or dismiss trustees in missions during the recess of Conference.

15. All qualified members shall be entitled to vote for stewards in missions.

16. The Society shall pay the travelling expenses of such members of the Board of Managers as do not reside in the city.

17. The Board of Managers has full power to act on all matters pertaining to the Church Extension Society in the interim of Conference.

SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS.

1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in its judgment, properly belong to the Superannuated list.

2. The two interests, the collections for Superannuates and the interest on the Superannuated Fund, are blended, and the committee is instructed to act accordingly.

3. The committee in making appropriations, shall be governed by the ascertained probable resources of the Conference; they shall discriminate ac-

cording to the comparative claims of the several recipients, taking into consideration: 1. The time of service in the Conference; 2. The value of said service to the Conference; 3. The size of family; 4. The peculiarities of location, etc.; 5. Ability to contribute to self-support by business capacity or private income.

4. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuated Fund Society.

5. When the committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to the Conference twenty-four hours before final action thereon, during which time objections to the report must be filed before the committee.

6. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund holds his office from the time of election until his successor is elected, and he is authorized to receive and distribute collections lifted for this fund at any time during the year.

7. The Steward shall make a semi-annual distribution of the funds coming from the Superannuated Fund Society, provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

8. Every pastor is requested to bring to each session of the Annual Conference at least \$5, in addition to the Superannuated Collection, to assist any persons who may be placed on the Superannuated List at that session.

9. The Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuated Fund Society shall furnish Superannuated Claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimant of any portion in the distribution of said fund for the year:

1. What is your present place of residence? Postoffice address?
2. Do you desire a superannuated relation the ensuing year?
3. What is the number of your family? Ages of your children respectively?
4. In what business are you now engaged? How much does its product fall short of yielding you a necessary support? What is the amount of your private income from all sources?
5. What is the assessed value of the real estate owned by you?
6. Do you attend our church? If not, why not?
7. Do your children attend our Sabbath-school? If not, why not?